

July 9, 2021

Families, friends, residents and staff,

The first Tuesday of each month has become our routine COVID-19 testing day, all results from this week's testing returned as negative. We continue to require all individuals within the building to wear a mask, visitors and residents whom are both vaccinated may remove their masks while in a resident's room or outdoors and socially distanced from others. Please remember to wear your mask over your mouth and nose when approached by someone outside your party.

Approximately two weeks ago, we made an adjustment to our visitation practice which allowed an increase to the daily visiting opportunities. The adjustments have come with mixed success. The volume of visitations scheduled on the day of visit has made it difficult to follow infection control requirements. We kindly ask visits not be scheduled day of; exceptions are made for extenuating circumstances such as end of life.

Our maintenance department is once again fully staffed and this is allowing us to begin freshening up resident rooms. We have four colors which will be sprawl throughout the building in resident rooms. The undertaking of rejuvenating the floor and painting walls will involve temporarily displacing the resident from their room during this process. Please let us know if you have a concern with displacement for a couple days so we can ensure we follow your preferences.

As a gentle reminder, medications brought from home must be accompanied by an active physician's order, not expired and brought to the nurse's station. Please speak with a nurse manager before bringing medications into the building.

Please remember, we are obligated to obey the following CDC/CMS requirements:

- Scheduling visits with COVID screening
- Screening prior to entry is mandatory
- Masks worn properly at all times
 - Masks may be removed when all individuals are fully vaccinated and while around people not in your party
- Visitors must socially distance from staff and residents who they have not scheduled a visit with

After monitoring the volume of phone calls and difficulty in managing the schedule we request the following:

- Please avoid changing visit time unless it is necessary
- You do not have to call if you would like to change the visit location (outdoors to indoors)

Please do not hesitate to call or email with questions, concerns or comments.

Thank you,

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