

October 22, 2021

Families, friends, residents and staff;

This week we continued to conduct COVID testing on staff, testing is currently being conducted twice weekly due to the percentage rate of Coos County. Tests have been negative which allows us to keep our doors open with residents also enjoying communal dining and group activities. As we have entered cold and flu season we have been encouraging visitors to reschedule their visits if they do not feel well and with the increase in cases of COVID throughout the community we cannot stress the importance of rescheduling visitations. If a visit is rescheduled due to illness we will ensure to reschedule with a special accommodation for the soonest day possible. Our resident health is a priority and a healthy staff ensures we have individuals to care for your loved one.

Over the last year in a half families and friends have done a remarkable job at honoring our visitation requirements and other various adjustments based on need. We continue to maintain obligations of screening visitors at the time of scheduling the appointment as well as immediately prior to the scheduled visit. We do not consistently have a door screener which is causing significant strain on staff to ensure we are complying with all mandates. We do not wish to return to Activities monitoring the door because this became detrimental to resident activities. Instead, effective immediately we will be reducing the number of scheduled visits per day which will better allow us to coordinate coverage for the door. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but we must maintain strong compliance with the regulations and also ensure screening is properly conducted, especially with such a high number of cases in the community.

We will have a brief transitional period and will honor any visit that has already been scheduled prior to this adjustment. Since the surge in community cases we have also been receiving multiple questions on whether food, meals and other items are allowed into the building. Food and prepared meals may absolutely be brought in for a resident to enjoy as well as personal items. Best practice to reduce the potential spread of infection would be for food to be in a container which can be cleaned and for items to be cleaned upon entering the building. Lastly, many may recall last year we had more requests for holiday visitations than what we were capable of safely managing. Visitation rules continue to exist but are less strict than last year and we are going to coordinate a plan to expand visitations on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day!

We have been networking with a Walgreen representative for the Pfizer booster but have not received a date for the clinic. We spoke with the local Walgreens and we will be coordinating a clinic with them, a call is scheduled for Monday, October 25 to have the exact date and time. Moderna and J&J boosters have also both been approved for CDC authorization. A separate letter and consent form will be mailed out to activated authorized decision makers, we kindly ask you return the consent form as soon as possible to ensure there is no delay in the vaccination process. Consent forms will only be presented to residents who meet the criteria of having received a COVID vaccine within a timeframe of 6 months or greater.

Please call or email if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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