

December 23, 2021

Families, friends, residents and staff;

Our county positivity rate remains above 10% which has us continuing COVID-19 testing twice a week. Our rapid tests were negative and results from Tuesday's PCR tests which are tested by the state lab have not returned. The CDC anticipates an increase in positive cases following Christmas celebrations and gatherings, we kindly request each person keep in mind the health and wellbeing of our residents and staff as you gather and subsequently plan visits.

We would like to wish each individual a wonderful and blessed Christmas. People have begun gathering for Christmas greetings and the atmosphere is joyous. We have had families asking about visiting their loved ones during the holidays, there are no additional requirements or allowances beyond the current practices we have in place and outlined below. Many residents will be visiting at family member's houses and while everyone is anxious to spend time with each other we kindly request each individual check the status of their health to avoid unintentionally compromising a resident with illness.

Please remember we require a temperature between 97° and no greater than 99.4° for entry. Outside temperatures vary and will often be very low, if your temperature is below 97° visitors are asked to wear a mask and wait for their temperature to reach the required range before entry. Also, please remember:

Please do not visit if you have ANY cold or flu symptoms or experiencing any other illness.

- A mask must be worn that covers the nose and mouth while walking throughout the building
- A face shield must also be worn by visitors while walking to a resident's room
- Visitors may not associate with other residents during the visit
- Maintain social distancing from other individuals
- Do not visit if you had an encounter with a potentially positive or COVID positive individual within the last 14 days or if any new onset of illness exists.

The Nicest Present

*Under the tree the gifts enthrall,
But the nicest present of them all
Is filling our thoughts with those who care,
Wanting our Christmas joy to share.
To you, whom we're often thinking of,
We send our holiday joy and love.*

– **Joanna and Karl Fuchs**

Merry Christmas,

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