

May 15, 2023

Families, friends, residents and staff,

We are providing an update to inform you that we have one new additional COVID case for staff:

- 11 active positive residents
- 5 active positive staff

Over the weekend 11 residents were able to come out of COVID isolation, we anxiously await the other residents coming out of isolation and the return of each staff member required to be out of the building.

The federal Public Health Emergency officially ended at midnight on Thursday, May 11 and with this a few changes for nursing homes. Some of the changes are clerical but changes you may be interested in are: individuals must have a 3-night qualifying hospital stay to receive Medicare A benefits, staff COVID vaccines are now optional but we must still offer and educate individuals to the risks/benefits of vaccinations and we are no longer using Community Transmission for source control requirements. We are waiting for an update from DHHS for mitigation requirements and more information on the vaccine requirement, but while in an outbreak we follow stricter practices with PPE.

Visitations are allowed but each individual must be aware we have positive cases on each unit and entering the building comes at a calculated risk to each visitor's health.

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
- 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.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns.

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