

May 18, 2021

Dear Families,

This week's communication contains much information, so please read carefully.

COVID-19 Testing

We reported a positive resident case to you last week. As required, we conducted employee testing on Monday, May 17th and will continue to test employees twice weekly for at least two weeks. We had one partially vaccinated employee test positive. This employee worked with C1/D1 residents, resulting in continued quarantine for all of those residents. We will test all employees on Thursday, May 20th.

Residents were tested today and one additional fully vaccinated resident tested positive. This positive resident resides within the C1/D1 units.

Visits

Virtual visits are offered for C1 and D1 residents. Please contact Activities to schedule.

In-person visits can be scheduled for residents on E1, C2, D2 and E2 units. Please note the following related to in-person visits:

- Visit www.garveymanor.org, click on Visits in the top right corner and you will be directed to the site where you can select a date and time that suits your schedule.
- **PLEASE NOTE** that we must limit visits to ***one visit with no than two visitors*** per resident per week in order to allow all residents the opportunity to have a visit. We appreciate your sharing this information with your family.
- The schedules are closed at noon the day before and by noon Friday for weekend and Monday visits to allow us time to prepare.
- Visits are occurring in resident rooms ***ONLY***. Visits cannot occur in hallways or other common areas (family rooms, dining rooms, etc.). If weather permits, visitors can request prior to or at the time of signing in to visit in designated and limited outdoor locations. We have outdoor "passes" that will assist us in controlling how many visits are occurring outside so we can maintain the necessary distance between visits. If you request this at the time you sign in, please be aware that we will need time to get your loved one to the outdoor location which could shorten the length of your visit.
- In-person visit status is ***subject to change*** due to quarantine status if positive cases arise.

Infection Control Requirements

Even though the CDC and our state are loosening some requirements in the community, long-term care facilities like ours are still required to follow and maintain strict infection control guidelines that include:

- ***Screening***
ALL who enter the facility must screen in either through the electronic kiosk (recommended) or by completing a paper screening form.
- ***Masking***
ALL visitors, regardless of vaccination status, are required to mask when entering and traveling through the building.

IF the resident and visitors are both fully vaccinated, they may unmask ***IN THE RESIDENT'S ROOM ONLY***.
Masks must still be worn at all times when outside of the resident's room.

- ***Social Distancing***

We do not know the vaccine status of those whom we encounter. Therefore, we require at least 6 feet for social distancing.

- ***Hand Hygiene***

Please perform frequent hand hygiene, especially before entering/after exiting a resident's room and before/after touching a resident. Hand sanitizer is located in many locations throughout the building.

Vaccine Status

As of this writing, 93% of our residents have been fully vaccinated and 65% of our employees have been partially or fully vaccinated. A report on the PA DOH site indicated that, as of 4/1/2021, the vaccination rate for long-term care residents in PA facilities was 80% and employees was 52%, so we are faring well comparatively. We continue to offer vaccines to both residents and employees as we are able.

Non-Medical Outings

Many of our residents and their families are yearning to spread their wings outside of the facility. We will encourage and offer outside visitation as we are able and the weather permits. We may consider outings off premises and have prepared a policy and procedure to address this topic, which is attached to this communication. Please review this carefully and address any questions to the appropriate staff as indicated.

We thank you for your continued prayers for our residents, their families and friends, and our employees.

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