

November 22, 2021

Dear Family Members & Responsible Parties:

We have had a nursing staff member on the North unit test positive. We have tested all residents and staff on North with no further positive results. We will continue with our testing process and keep you posted. There will be no changes to visitation at this time—but please scroll down to see updates on visitation, which CMS released in the last few days.

Visitation Update. I've highlighted key parts of our visitation policy (which reflects that of the CMS update), that we feel families need to be reminded of below.

- You must sign in and get your temperature taken at the command center prior to entering the facility
- Visitors who have a positive COVID 19 test, symptoms of COVID 19 or meet quarantine criteria or have a temperature of 100.4 or above should not enter the facility
- Sanitize your hands before passing the command center and frequently during visit
- All visitors and resident will be required to wear a well-fitted mask for the duration of their visit (cloth masks are not permitted) regardless of vaccination status
- Go directly to your loved ones room
- Keep a six foot distance from others on your direct path to their room
- Remain in their room during your entire visit (access to dining rooms/community rooms is strictly prohibited)
- Visitation must maintain infection control protocols especially proper wearing of face coverings and physical distancing regardless of resident and visitor's vaccination status
- If a resident's roommate is unvaccinated or immunocompromised, arrangements should be made with nursing to facilitate the visit in a private location outside of the room. If the resident is unable to leave the room, extra precautions should be taken especially physical distancing, wearing face covering at all times and hand sanitation. This may warrant the need to limit the number of visitors at a time.
- Notice of an outbreak is noted at the sign-in command center
- No eating or drinking is permitted during visit—please do not visit during meal times.
- Thoroughly wash/sanitize your hands prior to exiting their room and avoid touching hard surfaces during visit
- Pets are permitted but must remain on leash at all times and be well-behaved
- Check out at the command center upon departure. Visitor should be reminded to monitor for signs and symptoms and to contact their PCP if symptoms occur
- Educational materials related to COVID including signs and symptoms are available at the command center

As always, please contact me with any questions. Thank you and stay safe.

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