

## **Communities at Indian Haven**

## Dear Friends, Families, Residents and Caregivers,

After nearly a year of isolation due to COVID-19, the government is easing restrictions on visitations to vaccinated nursing home residents. We look forward to reopening soon and want to do so safely. We are offering Monday to Friday visiting by appointment visitation. Visitors MUST wear a mask and goggles/face shield during the visit.

We are composing reopening plans and policies to ensure this plan implementation is done properly as we following the core principles outlined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Department of Health (DOH) regulations.

The Pennsylvania DOH and DHS has specified that, while the state has not released guidance reflecting these updates, we are to follow the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance for visitation.

Here are links with more information:

- Nursing Home Visitation COVID-19
- Fact sheet
- A CMS guide for visitations is linked to on our website's COVID-19 page.

The following is a reminder of the core visitor principles that will again be implemented:

- Visitation scheduled at designated times
- Adherence to infection control principles
- Visit is limited to designated area/resident room
- Despite relaxed restrictions for visitation, we will continue routine testing and, in the event of any new positive results, modified visitation restrictions will be implemented and there will be immediate notifications of changes to visitation schedules.

We are proud of our efforts to vaccinate residents and staff and to promote vaccines for the general public in our fight against COVID-19. We continue to offer vaccines to our residents and employees who have not yet received them through a local source. We continue to wear our PPE and Covid 19 testing has decreased to monthly for all who have been vaccinated.

For more information, refer to the DOH family member eligibility, locations and scheduling website:

https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Vaccine/Pages/Vaccine.aspx

Our Facility's Resident Impact (May 15, 2020, through March 18, 2021):

Number of	
cases	
18	ADMISSIONS: Residents admitted or readmitted who were previously hospitalized and treated for COVID-19
0	CONFIRMED: Residents with new laboratory positive COVID-19
0	SUSPECTED: Residents with new suspected COVID-19
56	TOTAL DEATHS: Residents who died in the facility or another location From May,
26	COVID-19 DEATHS: Residents with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19 who died in the facility or another location.

Family members impacted by the virus will be contacted and provided with results/updates.

The first day of spring is March 20 at 5:37 a.m. It is a time for hope and the decreased number of COVID-19 cases combined with the vaccine could not have come soon enough!

Thank you again for entrusting us with the care of your loved ones. If you have any questions, we are always available for you.

## Sincerely,

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Kim Cobaugh NHA and Your Communities at Indian Haven Family