

May 7, 2021
Communities at Indian Haven

Dear Friends, Families, Residents and Caregivers,

We are continuing to monitor and follow the latest [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19) COVID-19 infection control guidance that impacts our residents and visitors. Governor Wolfe announced on 5/4 that mitigation orders except for masking will be lifted on Memorial Day, May 31 at 12:01 AM. Masking continues until the vaccination rate in PA reaches 70%.

Coronavirus testing requirements for fully vaccinated nursing home residents also have been eased, according to new guidance by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This permits visitations and personal contact among residents and visitors who are fully vaccinated.

If visitors and residents are both fully vaccinated, they can visit without masks and without social distancing as long as they are alone in their room or in a visitation room without unvaccinated individuals. It also means dining at the same table with other fully vaccinated residents without masks and social distancing. We kicked off the Dining Room Program on Wednesday for Lunch and will add the Supper Meal on Tuesday. It is wonderful to have freedoms again! Group activities can also return for those who are fully vaccinated on the two long term care neighborhoods. We are doing our best to accommodate all visits. Please call to let us know you are visiting so we can assure your loved one is prepared and transported to visiting areas. We hope we can soon do outdoor visits, weather permitting! Please continue to wear your mask, screen in and complete hand hygiene.

Fully vaccinated nursing home workers and other healthcare personnel who are asymptomatic can be exempt from expanded COVID-19 testing as well. CDC recommends that vaccinated workers who are either symptomatic or in close contact with a person who has COVID-19 still have a series of two viral tests immediately and again five to seven days after exposure. Unvaccinated workers also should continue to submit to regular testing, according to the guidance.

Our vaccination rate (Employees 80% and Residents 85%) is among the best for health facilities in our area and continue to encourage vaccinations by the general population in a quest for overall herd immunity, which experts place at 70-to-80 percent of the United States population.

Facility's Resident Impact (May 15, 2020, through May 6, 2021):	
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
60	TOTAL DEATHS: Residents who died in the facility or another location
28	COVID-19 DEATHS: Residents with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19 who died in the facility or another location.

We are grateful for your support and trust in us over the past 14 months! Welcome Back!

Kim Cobaugh RN,C, NHA and Your Communities at Indian Haven Family