

July 30, 2021

**Dear Friends, Families, Residents and Caregivers,**

The rise of the Delta variant of COVID-19 is a real concern. The best way to limit one's chances of getting the variant is to be fully vaccinated. According to a study by *The New England Journal of Medicine*, the effectiveness of full vaccination against the variant is about 90 percent. We encourage all residents, staff, family members and volunteers to become vaccinated, which makes one less susceptible to the emerging variant. Find vaccines near you at: <https://www.vaccines.gov/search>. For information about vaccinations, please check the [CDC's fact sheet](#).

Vaccination Rates: Residents - 96 %; Staff - 81 %; Indiana County - 37.8 %.

Impact (May 15, 2020, Our Facility's Resident through July 29, 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
67	TOTAL DEATHS: Residents who died in the facility or another location
27	COVID-19 DEATHS: Residents with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19 who died in the facility or another location.

Visiting of vaccinated Residents who are in a private room or do not have a roommate and fully vaccinated family members has NOT changed. **We are still required by PA Department of Health to wear a mask** in all long-term care facilities. A regular mask is required and we have disposable ones available should you forget one.

We can plan when you notify us of your visit to assure your loved one is prepared and a place is ready for visiting for Residents with roommates. We do our best to accommodate all visits because we know how important it is to you and your loved one. Unvaccinated Residents and unvaccinated family members must stay in the resident room for the visit and wear the mask over the nose. All new admissions must have a COVID-19 test PRIOR to admission from the hospital or home setting. Residents who are on transmission-based precautions for COVID-19 should only receive visits that are virtual, through windows, or in-person for compassionate care situations, with adherence to transmission-based precautions and core infection control principles.

Please try to visit and call when we are not providing meal service. (8 AM to 9AM, 12 N – 1 PM and 5 PM to 6 PM). Continue to enjoy the courtyard area for your visits.

Items may be dropped off at the **FRONT entrance Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 5 PM**. All clothing items need marked with the last name. Please use the Accushield to sign in and out, hand sanitize before and after your visit and please stay home if you are not feeling well.

We are planning a purchase of a Memorial Bench in memory of those who were lost during the Covid 19 Pandemic and to honor our HealthCare Heroes who bravely cared for our Resident. Donations are needed and can be made in any amount to the facility. It will be placed in our courtyard for all to see, visit and use. (Attachment regarding donations)

Thank you for allowing us the privilege of caring for your loved ones,

*Kim Cobaugh NHA and Your Communities at Indian Haven Family*