



August 13, 2021

Dear friends and families,

We have implemented masking and social distancing protocols for our facility due to rising concerns about the Delta variant of COVID-19. Decisions of this nature are not taken lightly and are being made out of an abundance of caution.

We will continue to monitor the Delta variant and update our practices accordingly. Reinstating the masking and physical distancing protocols is in the best interest for the safety and welfare of your loved ones and our staff. COVID infections are expected to peak in October and will impact both the vaccinated and unvaccinated. We want to reduce the risk of another outbreak.

Our visiting protocol continues to include screening in at the back door and showing prove of vaccination if vaccinated. You are also required to wear a surgical mask over your nose and do social distancing. We simply request that masking and physical distancing protocols be followed, even if you and your loved one are vaccinated.

We will continue to follow guidance from ([CDC](#)), [Department of Health \(DOH\)](#) and [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#) and will monitor and follow the latest [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) COVID-19 infection control guidance with relation to its impact on our residents and visitors.

The CDC updated its guidance on how to protect yourself and others who are fully vaccinated:

- To maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area [of substantial or high transmission](#).
- Wearing a mask is most important if you have a weakened immune system or if, because of your age or an underlying medical condition, you are at [increased risk for severe disease](#), or if someone in your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is unvaccinated
- If you have a condition or are taking medications that weaken your immune system, you may NOT be protected even if you are fully vaccinated. You should continue to take all precautions recommended for unvaccinated people until advised otherwise by your healthcare provider.

[Read the CDC recommendations.](#)

Many medical experts confirm that the best way to limit one's chances of getting COVID is to become fully vaccinated. We encourage all residents, staff, family members and volunteers to become vaccinated, which makes one less susceptible to the variant. Find vaccines near you:

<https://www.vaccines.gov/search>. For information about vaccinations, please check the [CDC's fact sheet](#).

Residents are 97% vaccinated; Staff is 83% vaccinated;

Our Facility's Resident Impact (May 15, 2020, through Aug. 12, 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
69	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.

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,
Kimberly Chi NHA**