

September 10, 2021

Dear friends and families,

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with our masking and social distancing protocols for our facility. Our utmost priority is to protect the residents and staff and their families. With the Delta variant and local cases increasing, we need to be vigilant with our visitation policies. All visitors are required to screen in at the Accushield each time you enter the building and screen out when you exit. We ask that you visit in the designated visiting area for visits, unless your love one has a private room. Masks must be worn during visits and social distancing maintained. Appointments are not required but preferred.

We are monitoring the Delta variant of COVID-19 and take into account all concerns. We are following guidance from [\(CDC\)](#), [Department of Health \(DOH\)](#) and [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#) and the latest [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) COVID-19 infection control guidance with relation to its impact on our residents and visitors.

Full vaccinations are at the forefront of safety for staff and residents. We encourage all, including family members and volunteers, to become vaccinated. Find vaccines near you: <https://www.vaccines.gov/search>. For information about vaccinations, please check the [CDC's fact sheet](#).

Our vaccination status for our facility is currently 97% for our resident and 82% for our staff.

Learn more about vaccine facts vs. myths with a downloadable PDF, blog and video blog, which are linked from our website's COVID-19 page.

The CDC updated its guidance on how to protect yourself and others who are fully vaccinated. [Read the CDC recommendations.](#)

Our Facility's Resident Impact (May 15, 2020, through September 9, 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
70	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.

As always, we appreciate that you entrust us with the care of your loved ones. We take very seriously our responsibility for your loved one's safety and well-being. If you have any questions, we are always available for you. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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