

September 3, 2021

Dear friends and families,

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with our masking and social distancing protocols for our facility . With the Delta variant making its way across the country, we need to be vigilant with our visitation policies. All visitors must screen in and out each time they enter the building. You need to visit in a designated visiting area if your loved one is not in a private room. Masks must be worn at all times and social distancing needs to be maintained. Calling ahead to schedule visitation is not required but is preferred.

We continue to monitor the Delta variant of COVID-19 and take into account all concerns. We follow 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](#).

Vaccination status for our facility is 97% for residents and 81% for staff.

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

More vaccine information:

- FDA-approved Pfizer vaccine. <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-approves-first-covid-19-vaccine>
- The CDC and FDA recommendations for administration of a third dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccinations for immunocompromised individuals. The Johnson and Johnson vaccine does not currently carry this recommendation. <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-authorizes-additional-vaccine-dose-certain-immunocompromised>
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) plan to deliver booster shots for individuals who have been vaccinated with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine or the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/joint-statement-hhs-public-health-and-medical-experts-covid-19-booster-shots>
- New regulations requiring nursing homes to require that all of their workers be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as a condition of participating in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/08/18/fact-sheet-president-biden-to-announce-new-actions-to-protect-americans-from-covid-19-and-help-state-and-local-leaders-fight-the-virus/>

Our Facility's Resident Impact (May 15, 2020, through September 2, 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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