

**October 22, 2021**

**Dear friends and families,**

We are OPEN FOR VISITATION!!! I'm sure you are as excited as we are about this news. We prefer that you schedule your visits but it is not required. You will be in designated visitation areas unless your loved one has no roommate. Visitors must continue to wear masks and social distance.

Please note that we will reinforce expectations on visitors when entering our building.

- 1) Screening upon entering and exiting the building of all who enter the facility for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 to include:
  - Temperature checks,
  - Questions about and observations about signs or symptoms
  - Recent exposure to COVID-19
  - Denial of entry of those with signs or symptoms or those who have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 infection in the prior 14 days (regardless of the visitor's vaccination status)
- 2) Practice hand hygiene (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred)
- 3) Wear well-fitting face covering or mask (covering mouth and nose)
- 4) Practice Social distancing at least six feet between persons during all visitation and with other residents and staff members

We have also opened our dining room with social distancing. The residents are thrilled to be able to socialize again.

Limit visitation to only your loved one.

Your cooperation and partnership in maintaining a safe environment for you, your loved one and our staff is appreciated. Visitors that are not able to adhere to the infection control requirements during visitation will be requested to leave.

**Our current vaccine rate for residents is 95%. Staff who have obtained at least one dose is 95%; Fully vaccinated staff is 89%.**

**Booster vaccines were administered to our residents yesterday. Staff will be receiving booster vaccines next week.**

We are following guidance from [\(CDC\)](#), [Department of Health \(DOH\)](#) and [CMS](#) as well as the latest [COVID-19 infection control guidance](#) with relation to its impact on our residents and visitors. 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.

. For information about vaccination rates at nursing homes, please refer to CMS's Care Compare site through [Medicare.gov](#). Learn about [vaccines near you](#) and the [CDC's fact sheet](#).

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. Visitations are monitored and controlled based on the [CDC's county view data tracker](#).

Our Facility's Resident Impact (since the federal government issued reporting requirements on May 8, 2020, through October 22, 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
77	TOTAL DEATHS: Residents who died in the facility or another location
29	COVID-19 DEATHS: Residents with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19 who died in the facility or another location.

Please visit your loved one as soon as possible. They have missed you. Seeing you definitely puts a smile on their face. Thank you for entrusting us with the care of your loved one. Please feel free to call or email with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your loved one.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Chi NHA