



January 21, 2022

Dear friends and families,

Please note that we are following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance regarding safeguards for residents and staff. Despite recent CDC changes to reduce quarantine and isolation guidance for the general population, our healthcare guidelines are often more conservative to protect our vulnerable population.

Therefore, even though you may meet criteria to no longer isolate or quarantine outside of the facility, our screening procedures have not changed. If you are in a post-infection or post-exposure stage, we request that you refrain from visiting until after 10 to 14 days.

Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court blocked sweeping vaccine and test requirements for large private companies, but allowed a vaccine mandate to stand for medical facilities that take Medicare or Medicaid payments.

To achieve compliance with the CMS vaccination requirements, you will begin to see additional questions regarding vaccination status in our screening procedures. At this time, you may or may not choose to disclose your vaccination status. Under the current CMS visitation guidelines, vaccination is not currently required to visit.

We encourage and recommend [booster shots among a bevy of tools](#) to safeguard residents and staff against the COVID-19 Omicron variant. 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](#). We encourage all to continue to follow safety tips regarding COVID-19. Our top priority is to protect the residents, staff and families. We appreciate that you entrust us with the care of your loved ones. Our main goal is to provide high-quality care and to keep your loved ones safe.

Our STAFF IS 100% VACCINATED AND OUR RESIDENTS ARE 97% VACCINATED. We are currently working on boosters for staff and residents.

Please refrain from visiting even if you have minor symptoms such as a runny nose or sore throat. [According to the CDC](#), people exhibiting these symptoms are testing positive for COVID.

As part of our efforts to contain COVID 19 in our facility, we are asking for the vaccine status of our visitors. If you have been vaccinated against Covid 19, we are asking that you bring in your vaccination card and we will enter the information into our kiosk. Your information will be kept confidential. This information will be helpful in the event of an outbreak for contact tracing and quarantine requirements.

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

Our Facility's Resident Impact (since the federal government issued reporting requirements on May 8, 2020, through January 20, 2022):

Number of cases	
25	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
90	TOTAL DEATHS: Residents who died in the facility or another location
36	COVID-19 DEATHS: Residents with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19 who died in the facility or another location.

We thank you for your patience and cooperation. If you have any questions, we are always available for you. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Chi NHA