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Dear Residents and Family:

As I am sure you are aware, we have received revised guidelines from CMS in regard to visitation. I want to outline some of the guidelines:

1. Not new – but a reminder – CMS continues to recommend facilities, residents, and families adhere to the core principles of COVID-19 infection control, including maintaining physical distancing, masking, hand sanitation before and after visits, etc.
2. Entry will continue to be at the southeast lobby entrance (where rocking chairs are located). Screening will continue and entrance will be denied if any person presents with signs and symptoms of COVID-19 or if they have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 in the prior 14 days regardless of the visitor's vaccination status.
3. Outdoor visitation is recommended even when both resident and family are fully vaccinated. (Fully vaccinated is defined as two weeks past administration of the last dose).
4. Indoor visitation is allowed for residents regardless of vaccination status unless the county positivity rate is 10% or greater and less than 70% of residents are fully vaccinated.
5. Residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 or who are in their 14 day quarantine period are on transmission-based precautions and are not allowed visitors during that time. Window and virtual visits are permitted and encouraged. For those individuals receiving end of life/compassionate care, in person visits will be permitted.
6. Guidelines recommend limiting the number of visitors per patient, and the number of visitors in the building at any given time. To ensure each resident is able to receive visitors the following will be instituted: two residents per wing with no more than two visitors (ages 12 and up) per resident at a time. Visits will be 30 plus minutes depending on how many people are waiting to visit.
7. Fully vaccinated residents may choose to have close contact, including touch, with their visitor while both are wearing well-fitting face coverings and perform hand hygiene before and after the personal contact. Visitors should continue to practice social distancing from other residents and staff while in the building.
8. We have been given guidelines to follow if there are any new cases of COVID-19 among residents or staff and we will contact you if those apply.
9. Visitors are encouraged to test prior to coming to the facility, however it is not required.
10. Similarly, vaccinations are encouraged but not required.

These are just bare outlines of our regulations. We will do our very best to accommodate your schedule when you call us at 731-363-7818. The decreased positivity rate and the number of vaccines distributed are very encouraging to all of us.

I look forward to opening all of our doors without any restrictions!

Sincerely,

Sandra Ray, Administrator