



A National Lutheran Community

To: Health Center Residents, Families and Team Members

From: Kyle Hreben, Executive Director

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Subject: Health Center Path Forward Update

Memorandum

We announced last week that Governor Hogan is ending the COVID-19 State of Emergency as of next Thursday (July 1) and masks are not required in any public venue across the state. As a reminder, this **does not apply** to our health care setting for residents, visitors and staff. The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) has not changed their requirements for health care settings. We need you to keep masking, practicing healthy hand hygiene and social distancing while visiting at The Village at Rockville. Team members will continue to remain masked throughout the community. Thank you for continuing to adhere to these important protocols so that we can continue to keep members of our community safe.

We are so excited to share our most recent changes to our Health Center visitation. The guidelines below apply to visitation for assisted living, long-term care and short-term rehabilitation residents.

New Health Center Visitation Guidelines

Effective Thursday, July 1, 2021

We will be open for daily visitation between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. with the following guidelines in place:

- Visitors may not remain onsite during resident meal times.
- Visitors are not authorized to leave the building and return later to continue a visit.
- Visitation is no longer limited to certain days per week. Visitation is available 7 days per week.
- Scheduled visitation sign-ups are no longer applicable. SignUpGenius will be deactivated effective July 1.
- Residents may receive one visit per day. If a second visit is attempted, you will be turned away and asked to come another day.
- Coordination of visits should be done amongst families and friends
- Two visitors are allowed per visit
- Children under 12 are not be permitted to visit at this time.
- Masks are required throughout the building and must cover your mouth and nose
 - If you and your loved one are fully vaccinated you may choose to remove masks within the resident's room only.
 - If a visitor is not fully vaccinated, the mask is required at all times.
- Visitors can only visit in resident's apartment/room or outdoors. Visitors may not visit in common spaces. This includes: rehabilitation gyms, dining rooms, Lang Hall, care base/nurses station, staff offices, The Village Bean, taking your loved one on a stroll through building, the Chapel, etc.

- Outdoor visits are highly encouraged
- Visitors must sign-in/out and be screened for COVID-19 questions and temperature. Anyone with symptoms or with a temperature above 100.0 degrees will not be permitted to enter.
 - Visitors must enter the name of the resident they are visiting during the sign-in process.
 - Visitors will be provided a mask to wear during their visit.
- Visitors are not permitted to attend any ConnectedLiving programming
- Per the Maryland Department of Health, any newly admitted resident who is not fully vaccinated for COVID-19 is not authorized to have visits during the mandatory 14-day quarantine period. Visits would be offered for end-of-life situations.
- Our team members continue to routinely clean and disinfect high-touch areas to keep our community safe.

Virtual Visits

- Virtual visits may only be used for family members who cannot attend in person. This means, if you are visiting your loved one in person, you should not sign-up for virtual visits.
- Virtual visits can be offered once per week per resident (not per family member). Families will still need to coordinate so that multiple visits are not scheduled.

Other Updates

- Resident Care Plan and Service Plan meetings will continue to be held virtually through Microsoft Teams or as a conference call until further notice.
- Don't forget these upcoming opportunities for Health Center residents to gather together for worship on the following Tuesdays at 3 p.m. during the month of July:
 - July 20 - Health Center residents first floor and second floor only
 - July 27 - Health Center residents first floor and second floor only
 - If you could not make it to the service, you may watch it the following Sunday on The Engage Channel (975) at 11 a.m.

Have a wonderful weekend.

For reference:

Path Forward /COVID Dashboard www.thevillageatrockville.org/pathforward