



A National Lutheran Community

**To:** All residents, families and team members

**From:** Kyle Hreben, Executive Director

**Date:** October 1, 2021

**Subject:** Health Center Path Forward Update

## Memorandum

As we continue our path forward, I would like to provide a few updates regarding vaccinations and booster shots for our community.

Team members continue to make solid gains on vaccination rates. As you know, National Lutheran Communities & Services and The Village at Rockville has mandated that all team members be vaccinated by October 31. Currently 91% of team members are fully vaccinated. An additional 5% have received their first dose and will be fully vaccinated soon. A small number of team members have qualified for an authorized COVID vaccine exemption. We continue to be in the top ten nursing homes in the state of Maryland for our vaccination rate. Those numbers will rise with our next vaccination clinic on October 15 and our mandatory vaccination date of October 31.

We are also working with our pharmacy partners to schedule Health Center residents for booster shots. As soon as we have the information available, we will share it with residents and resident families. Health Center residents will have the opportunity to receive the flu vaccine this month. Families may be contacted within the next few weeks to gather consent for those residents unable to do so themselves.

We are excited to announce a change in our current visitation status effective immediately:

- **Residents may have more than one visit session per day**
- **Visitation hours are 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.**
- No more than two visitors in the room at one time
- Family can leave the building and return later the same day as needed
- Per federal and state guidance, visitors should limit movement throughout the building by visiting in resident's room/apartment or outdoors.
- Visitors should adhere to our protocols of infection prevention by:
  - Screening in/out each visit
  - Performing hand hygiene upon entry and as needed
  - Wear a mask in hallways and if unvaccinated.
  - Present vaccination card upon entry
  - Maintain social distance from other residents, visitors, and staff
  - Meal assistance must be done in resident's room
  - KN95 mask for visitors who don't show proof of vaccination or are unvaccinated – MUST keep mask on at all times even in resident room/apartment.

Each week, it fills our hearts with joy to see residents participating in in-person worship again. This month, residents may attend worship on the following dates at 3 p.m.:

- Tuesday, October 19
- Tuesday, October 26

Don't forget about all the engaging activities on the horizon for your enjoyment. Next week we celebrate Active Aging week with a variety of programs that emphasize the importance of engaging in the dimensions of wellness. Members of the ConnectedLiving team are organizing a Veterans Day parade on November 11. If you are interested in honoring your loved one by participating in the parade, please contact Isabel Bouchard at [mbouchard@thevillageatrockville.org](mailto:mbouchard@thevillageatrockville.org). We are also planning celebrations for Alzheimer's Awareness and Halloween. Residents will enjoy various celebrations in their neighborhoods in the Health Center. We also invite resident families to participate in our upcoming Walk to End Alzheimer's and our drive-thru Trick-or-Treat event. Don't forget to share the flyers attached to this email with friends and family members. Please also watch these updates for more information on these and other community engagement opportunities. Have a wonderful weekend!

For reference: Path Forward /COVID Dashboard [www.thevillageatrockville.org/pathforward](http://www.thevillageatrockville.org/pathforward)