

A National Lutheran Community

To: All residents, families, and team membersFrom: Kyle Hreben, Executive DirectorDate: October 29, 2021Subject: Health Center Path Forward Update

## Memorandum

Earlier this month, the positivity rate (or the percent positive rate of COVID-19 cases) dipped below two percent in Montgomery County and transmission rates for the disease dropped from high to moderate.

We are still requiring that residents, team members and visitors to the Health Center wear masks per state and federal guidelines for senior living facilities. Please note that masking will remain in force at The Village at Rockville even though this restriction was lifted across Montgomery County and businesses are no longer required to mandate that masks be worn indoors. Thank you for your help as we endeavor to keep residents and team members safe.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently updated guidelines around booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Boosters are now authorized for residents and staff who received Pfizer or Moderna more than six months ago or received the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine more than two months ago. We were pleased to offer the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 booster doses to Health Center residents yesterday, October 28. We also plan to offer the Johnson & Johnson boosters within the upcoming weeks. We continue to encourage team members to receive their booster dose through their health care provider or local pharmacy.

As we endeavor to keep residents and team members safe on our path forward, we need to make a few visitation reminders. Visitors are not authorized in common spaces. These spaces include the dining room, rehabilitation gym, nurses' stations and any open indoor areas. Visitors will be asked to leave those areas and visit in their loved one's rooms. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe by adhering to this guideline. Finally, we are delighted to share that we are extending our visitation hours. The updated visitation hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Please exit the Health Center at or before that time. We hope you are finding more flexibility and enjoyment in the additional visitation times.

Mark your calendars for the following opportunities to worship with Chaplain Charlene:

- Tuesday, Nov 16 at 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov 23 at 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov 30 at 3 p.m.

As always, thank you for your support of The Village at Rockville community. Have a wonderful weekend.