



A National Lutheran Community

To: All residents, families and team members
From: Erin Wheeler, Healthcare Administrator
Date: December 20, 2021
Subject: [Path Forward Update](#)

Memorandum

Following The Village at Rockville's health and safety practices for temperature and symptom screenings for team members, one Health Center team member tested positive for COVID-19 over this past weekend. Following guidance from the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), we began conducting team member, routine care partners and resident testing, regardless of vaccination status, on Monday, December 20, and will continue on Tuesday, December 21. Currently, test results have led to five team members and one resident testing positive for COVID-19 – all who are asymptomatic.

All Health Center residents, team members and routine care partners will be tested for a minimum of the next two weeks regardless of vaccination status. The outcome of these tests will determine how much longer testing continues.

Currently, MDH has provided direction that in-person visitation can continue for the Health Center. However, there will be slight proactive changes to a number of our operational and visitation protocols:

- Visitation guidelines remain in place with a few adjustments:
 - Children younger than two years old are not authorized to visit
 - Any visitor who cannot follow masking and social distancing requirements will not be allowed to visit at this time
 - Please do not visit the Health Center if you are not feeling well
- ConnectedLiving programming will continue, but residents from assisted living and the second and third floors will remain separated among neighborhoods
- Residents are required to wear masks at all times when out of their room/apartments and when interacting with staff in their residence
- Meals in the dining rooms will be socially distanced or will be provided in resident rooms as much as possible due to social distancing requirements in the Health Center
- Nursing staff will be scheduled to specific neighborhoods as much as possible
- To limit movement throughout the Health Center, the double doors leading to neighborhoods from the elevator lobby will be closed as a visual reminder to guests, residents, visitors, and team members
- Common high touch areas will continue to be cleaned frequently
- The Gift Shop will be closed until further notice

Knowing that families are preparing for holiday gatherings, it is our strong recommendation that residents and short-term rehab guests do not leave the community for holiday events. We recognize the disappointment that this may create, but we believe it will provide the safest course of action during this time.

Our team has worked diligently to accomplish a 99% team member vaccination rate, and 98% of Health Center residents are vaccinated. We will continue to strive to provide a safe environment for all. Thank you for your continued understanding and confidence in The Village at Rockville.