



A National Lutheran Community

To: All Health Center residents and families
From: Erin Wheeler, Healthcare Administrator
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Subject: Health Center Path Forward update

Memorandum

Following guidance from the Maryland Department of Health, with the decrease of Montgomery County COVID-19 transmission levels, the following visitation protocols are effective as of **Saturday, February 19, 2022:**

- **Visitors no longer need to test or show proof of testing for COVID-19 prior to visiting**
- Upon each entry to the Health Center
 - Visitors must complete the COVID-19 screening
 - Show proof of COVID-19 vaccination
 - Perform hand hygiene (alcohol-based hand sanitizer acceptable)
 - Put on a fresh mask provided at the front desk of the Health Center.
- Any visitor who cannot follow masking and social distancing requirements will not be allowed to visit.
- If you have recently tested positive for COVID-19, visitors may not visit for a minimum of ten days from the positive test date, as long as they are no longer exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.
- Children younger than two years old are not authorized to visit.
- Guests can visit anytime throughout the day but may not stay overnight.
- We encourage a maximum of two visitors in each resident's room or apartment at a time for physical distancing.
- Visitors are authorized to be in a resident's room/apartment or in designation visitation areas. Visitors may not join in any programming/activities at this time.

Please note visitor testing requirements will change based on the COVID-19 transmission rate within Montgomery County, current testing requirements will be noted on the [Path Forward page of our website](#). Visitors should use this page as a resource to understand the status of testing requirements prior to their visit.

We want to thank all our residents, visitors, staff, and the National Guard who worked together during this challenging time in our COVID-19 journey. We have come out stronger and more connected!