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

Memorandum

The Village at Rockville will be holding a COVID-19 vaccination clinic on May 24, 2022 and May 26, 2022 for our residents and team members. We are pleased to offer the Moderna vaccine for those who are eligible for their initial vaccination series, a first booster or a second booster.

Responsible parties who are decision makers for residents in the Health Center (Assisted Living, Long-term Care, Short-term Rehab) can expect calls for consent early next week.

As a reminder for residents, team members and visitors, we are following requirements from the Maryland Department of Health as well as federal and local regulatory bodies regarding COVID and infection control guidance. The following is currently in place for the safety and wellbeing of residents, team members and visitors:

- Montgomery County is in a high (red) level of COVID-19 transmission (refer to [CDC COVID-19 Integrated County View Site](#)), all visitors, regardless of vaccination status, are asked to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test obtained within 72 hours of entry into the Health Center or to agree to be tested on-site using a self-administered rapid test.
- Visitors who test positive may not enter the facility. All visitors shall wear a mask (no cloth masks allowed) at all times in the Health Center building.
- 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.
- Visitors need to show proof of negative test to the concierge EACH time they come for a visit.
- If unable to test on-site, visitors will need to get tested at an outside testing site and must show **negative test results** dated within the past 72 hours upon each visit.

Recognizing 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.

Visitors self-testing is available upon entry to the Health Center during “high” county transmission. When self-testing, please allow for 15-20 minutes additional time at check-in/screening. Once a visitor performs the self-test, you may sit outside or in the chapel while you wait for your test results. Visitors MUST wait for their test results before proceeding to check-in.

These additional steps will require additional time and effort on your part. Thank you in advance for your patience, cooperation and preparation as we implement these updated visitor testing protocols. In addition to the changes in testing requirements, we also continue in outbreak status with a small number of individuals affected. Please continue to view our [COVID dashboard](#) for regular updates.