



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

Memorandum

Since last Saturday, we have several long-term care residents on 2 Virginia neighborhood who have tested positive for COVID. Through contract tracing, we identified the exposure of our residents. The team is working diligently to enhance surface cleaning and assist with increased mask use and hand hygiene for our residents.

Those who tested positive are doing well and are following current guidance for quarantine. Staff and residents with potential exposure will be tested and monitored according to the Maryland Department of Health regulations.

It is crucial for anyone who visits our community to follow the visitation guidelines. Health Center visitation guidelines:

- If you are ill or not feeling well, **DO NOT** visit.
- All visitors shall wear a mask (no cloth masks allowed) at all times.
- If you have recently tested positive for COVID, visitors may not visit for a minimum of 10 days from the positive test date, as long as they are no longer exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.
- Upon each entry to the Health Center:
 - Visitors must complete the COVID-19 screening
 - Perform hand hygiene (alcohol-based hand sanitizer acceptable)
 - Put on a fresh mask provided at the front desk of the Health Center.
- If any visitor is unable to follow the infection control protocols, they will not be allowed to continue their visit. Visitors younger than 2 years old are discouraged from visiting.
- Visitors can visit anytime throughout the day but may not stay overnight.
- Residents who are COVID positive, may have visitors if they follow required quarantine/isolation protocols (PPE, mask use, etc.) and are aware of their risk when visiting.
- Visitors are authorized to be in a resident's room/apartment or in designated visitation areas with their loved one. Visitors should not visit other residents.
- Visitors may not join in any programming/activities at this time.

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The Village at Rockville staff are continuing daily COVID symptom monitoring and testing routinely for those with known exposure and as needed for residents with symptoms. We continue to update our Path Forward dashboard with any COVID cases on our campus. Please monitor this link for the most up-to-date statistics:

<https://www.thevillageatrockville.org/path-forward/>

In addition, **we encourage all visitors to get the bivalent booster** if they haven't already. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to keep our residents, staff, and visitors safe.