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To: Residents, Families, Friends and Staff

CMS has released the below graphic to help residents, families, and friends understand when they can visit with the new CMS guidance.

Visitation can be conducted through different means based on a facility's structure and residents' need. Outdoor visitation is preferred even when the resident and visitor are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as they generally pose a lower risk of transmission due to increased space and airflow. Indoor visitation can occur in a resident's room or designated visitation area. Visits for residents who share a room should not be conducted in the resident's room, if possible. During indoor visitation, visitor movement should be limited e.g., visitors should not walk around different halls of the facility, interact with other residents, or interact with staff without maintaining social distancing guidelines.

Regardless of how visits are conducted, there are certain core principles that visitors must maintain to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission:

- Screening of all who enter the facility for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and denial of entry of those with signs of symptoms or those who have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 infection in the prior 14 days (regardless of the visitor's vaccination status)
- Hand Hygiene (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred)
- Face covering or mask (covering mouth and nose)
- Social Distancing at least 6 ft between persons

These core principles are consistent with the CDC guidance for nursing homes and should be **always adhered to**. Visitors who are unable to adhere to the above core principles will not be permitted to visit and will be asked to leave.

Please continue to schedule your visits by contacting Social Services Director. We will continue to follow our **2** visitations per week schedule for **30** minutes at a time and ask that you adhere to the **2** visitors at a time maximum.

Please know that the safety and well-being of our residents and staff have been and remain our top priority. Thank you for entrusting your loved ones in our care.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Sincerely,

Shaire Davis