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Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

I hope this update finds you and your family members in good health! I wanted to update you on important information related to COVID19. I am pleased to share that our center will be out of outbreak mode on 8/13/21 if our trend continues and no new positives occur. However, out of an abundance of caution and recommendation from **CMS, CDC** and **DOH** the center has made the decision to continue with scheduled outdoor visitations only. Collier County Positivity rate is currently at 19.28% and the Delta variant is highly contagious. Outdoor visitation is preferred by **CMS** even when resident and visitor are fully vaccinated.

Solaris HealthCare Imperial is limiting visitation to outdoor visits only unless it is a compassionate care, end of life, or hospice crisis care visit. We would be happy to set up a scheduled **outdoor** visit for both vaccinated/unvaccinated residents. The visits are currently 15 minutes due to the extreme heat and to allow for all patients to have visitors. Families are always welcome to set up Facetime, Skype, or similar apps to communicate during this time. Also, please note that at any time it is deemed unsafe to visit due to weather, not following **CDC** COVID protocols, or patient's health condition the visit may need to be modified or discontinued. We appreciate your understanding and compliance with the guidelines we are required to follow to ensure our residents and staff are protected.

Solaris HealthCare Imperial will continue to screen all visitors that will have contact with our patients. This screening will include filling out a screening questionnaire, temperature screen, and signing in/out. Regardless of vaccination status, CDC infection control guidelines regarding mask usage, proper hand washing, and social distancing will be maintained. This new questionnaire will include a question regarding travel outside of Florida for **unvaccinated** guests and staff members. Per CDC guidelines If you are **unvaccinated** and have traveled outside of Florida **regardless of the means of transportation** you must quarantine to avoid being around people who are at increased risk for severe illness for 14 days, whether you get tested or not. Please understand that you will **not** be permitted to visit your loved one if you have traveled outside the State of Florida and have not quarantined for 14 days. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Please note that all new admissions/re-admissions will be quarantined for 14 days even if they have a negative test upon admission per **DOH**. We are unable to determine if they have had prolonged contact with someone with COVID and the incubation period of 14 days could result in a positive test result. The only exception that does not require quarantine is if a resident had SARS COVID infection **within** 90 days and is fully vaccinated. The guidelines and regulations throughout the epidemic continue to change and evolve and we will continue to follow **CDC & CMS** guidelines and consult with our local **DOH** for any updates or modifications. We encourage all residents, staff, and visitors to vaccinate to help STOP the spread of COVID19. Please contact the center with any questions or to schedule your visit at 239-591-4800.

Warm Regards,

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