

April 2, 2021

Happy April, Happy Spring, Happy Easter.

Here is my weekly update; not too many changes this week.

The national guard was here today testing both staff and residents by PCR. Until the results are returned, hopefully by tomorrow afternoon, the facility will continue with the interventions and mitigation strategies below. Currently only the unvaccinated residents on the 2nd floor are quarantined.

The following interventions and actions are currently in place:

- The second-floor unvaccinated residents are quarantined and staff are wearing full PPE (gowns, gloves, surgical mask over N95, and eye protection) when going into these rooms.
- All staff continue to wear an N95 mask and surgical mask.
- All staff continue to wear eye protection when going into resident rooms.
- We continue to do staff screening before all shifts.
- We continue to test all staff weekly.
- All residents are assessed for signs and symptoms of Covid-19, 2 times a day.
- All residents on all floors are being encouraged to stay 6' apart and wear a mask.
- Residents are allowed to attend group dining, daily mass, and activities as long as they stay 6' apart (no limit on number of residents together as long as they can maintain 6' distancing).
- The annex continues to be our holding zone for incoming un-vaccinated rehab patients/long-term residents needing to be on a 14-day quarantine. If the incoming patient/resident has been fully vaccinated, they no longer have to be placed on a 14-day quarantine and are being admitted to our 4th floor rehab unit.

Positivity Rates Going UP!

The New Hampshire map still has all counties with substantial community transmission above the 50 cases per 100,000. Looks like it could be awhile for most facilities to get to phase 2 in the re-opening process. Manchester's positivity rate is currently at 5.1% up from 4.1% last week and 3.6% before that.

Vaccine News – In-House Vaccination Program:

The Pharmacy is coming in on Monday for our first round of vaccines. There will be several staff and residents receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. This is a one and done vaccine. This was supposed to happen yesterday but they had several details on the process to work out before coming.

ZOOM Meeting:

Our next zoom meeting will be on April 8th at 6pm, mark your calendars. Thanks to all who join us; a lot of good information is shared and questions are a lot easier to answer compared to writing back in an email format.

Visitation Update:

We just updated our visitation guidelines on our web site. Please go to <https://mtcarmelrehabcenter.org/covid-19-update/> to view.

To schedule a visit:

1. Go To: <https://mtcarmelrehabcenter.org/family-members/appointments/>
2. Read this page.
3. Near the bottom is where you can schedule a visit; you are able to select either a “Window/Lobby Visit” OR a “Room Visit”
4. Select the date and time slot you would like; (if the date and/or time is not available it will not allow you to select it.
 - ❖ **If you have any problems scheduling a visit please call Barbary Gray, Life Enrichment Director, at 935-4607 and she can assist you.**

Some Information from Human Resources:

Do you know anyone looking for a job? Below are two links to current openings. The first is for our Unit Aide to LNA position; the second is our current openings. If you know anyone that would be interested, please forward this information on to them. If anyone has any questions, please call Tracy Fischer, Human Resources Manager @ 935-4603.

Please use the link below to visit the CCNH website and look at information regarding the recent launch of the [Pathways program](#) to Advance Nursing Careers.

<https://www.cc-nh.org/news/ccnh-launches-pathways-program-to-advance-nursing-careers/>

Please use the link below to see job openings in all CCNH facilities; you can choose Manchester to see what is open here at Mt. Carmel.

<https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/All/1a2915aa-7fbd-4325-96f0-1ace5d58d007/New-Hampshire-Catholic-Charities>

Have a good week,

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