

April 16, 2021

Hi Everyone,

Things continue remain steady; no one positive, residents are out and about throughout the facility, family visits continue and are going well.

**Positivity Rates:**

The New Hampshire map still has all counties with substantial community transmission above the 50 cases per 100,000. Manchester’s positivity rate is currently at 5.70% DOWN from 7% last week; we continue in Phase One. Below is how the rest of the county’s rank. Reminder that the goal is to be below 5%.

<b>County</b>	<b>PCR Tests Positivity Rate Last 7 Days - County</b>
Belknap	5.70%
Carroll	6.50%
Cheshire	1.20%
Coos	3.90%
Grafton	1.10%
Manchester	5.70%
Merrimack	4.60%
Nashua	7.60%
Rest of Hillsborough	6.10%
Rockingham	6.40%
Strafford	9.30%
Sullivan	5.30%

**The following interventions and actions continue to be in place:**

- All non-vaccinated staff continue to wear an N95 mask and surgical mask.
- All staff continue to wear an N95, surgical mask, and 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 the appropriate floor.

### **Vaccine News – In-House Vaccination Program:**

We have started a list of new staff and residents to receive the vaccine. However, due to the current STOP with the Johnson & Johnson vaccine it has been put on hold until further notice. This was the one the state is currently using in nursing homes probably because it was a one and done vaccine. We also continue to be at the mercy of the pharmacy and their receiving the vaccine. I'll update you as we learn more.

### **ZOOM Meeting:**

Our next zoom meeting will be on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm, mark your calendars.

### **Visitation Guidelines:**

Can be found on our web site. Please go to <https://mtcarmelrehabcenter.org/covid-19-update/>

### **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.**
  - ❖ **Compassionate care visits are being scheduled by the nursing staff on the particular floor your loved one is residing; please call them directly to schedule a visit.**

### **Some Shareable News from the NH Healthcare Association:**

#### ***FEMA Funeral Assistance Policy for COVID-19 Deaths***

The office of Congressman Pappas alerted us of a FEMA funeral assistance program that offers retroactive payments for COVID-19 funeral expenses and could be of help to families of residents that we lost. It opened 4/12/2021; please contact:

- [https://youtu.be/DgvN\\_9m58Z0](https://youtu.be/DgvN_9m58Z0)

- <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>

Have a good wee,

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