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Hi Everyone,

We continue on the trend of everything going well in the facility; still no positives, residents continue to enjoy the ongoing activities, and family visits are going well.

Everyone is enjoying the special activities and festivities this week as we celebrate National Nursing Home Week! Thanks to all the staff and residents who participated to make it a special week!

Positivity Rates:

The New Hampshire map continues to have counties with substantial community transmission above the 50 cases per 100,000.

Manchester's positivity rate is currently at 4.4% and **DOWN** from 4.9% last week. Below is how the rest of the county's rank. Reminder that the goal is to be below 5% and less than 50 cases per 100,000.

County	5/10/2021
Belknap	2.50%
Carroll	5.00%
Cheshire	2.20%
Coos	2.60%
Grafton	0.50%
Manchester	4.40%
Merrimack	3.00%
Nashua	4.20%
Rest of Hillsborough	3.50%
Rockingham	3.70%
Strafford	5.30%
Sullivan	3.70%

Visitation:

MTC's current visitation guidelines can be found on our web site however, please note that they will be updated next week. <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 Barbra Gray, Life Enrichment Director, Monday-Friday at 935-4607 and she can assist you.**
 - ❖ **If criteria are met, 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. Call 627-3811 and follow the prompts to get to a particular floor. These visits must also be scheduled in advance.**

The following interventions and actions are in place:

- All unvaccinated staff continue to wear an N95 mask and surgical mask.
- All unvaccinated staff are also wearing eye protection in resident care areas.
- All vaccinated staff are wearing a surgical mask, and eye protection in resident care areas.
- We continue to do staff screening before all shifts.
- We continue to test non-vaccinated staff weekly (no longer testing vaccinated staff). Also a change to testing requirements as of 5/17/21 unvaccinated staff will only be required to be tested monthly, this is because the positivity rate for Manchester has remained below 5% for 2 full weeks.
- All residents are assessed for signs and symptoms of Covid-19, 2 times a day.
- 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.
- **For Patients/Residents**

Group activities:

- If all patients/residents participating in the activity are fully vaccinated, then they may choose to have close contact and to not wear source control during the activity.
- If unvaccinated patients/residents are present, then all participants in the group activity should wear source control and **unvaccinated** patients/residents should physically distance (6') from others.

Communal dining:

- Fully vaccinated patients/residents can participate in communal dining without use of source control or physical distancing.
- If **unvaccinated** patients/residents are dining in a communal area (e.g., dining room) all patients/residents should use source control when not eating and

unvaccinated patients/residents should continue to remain at least 6 feet from others.

Vaccine News – In-House Vaccination Program:

We are planning to have the pharmacy come in the week of May 17th. We have a list of new staff and residents ready to receive the vaccine. All three vaccines will be offered allowing staff, their families and residents to choose which one they prefer.

From Barbara – Life Enrichment Services:

Visits:

We understand that the visiting schedule has been tight. We are asking for your assistance, in only scheduling a visit weekly. As our census goes up, we are having more of a demand for visits. We want all of our families to have a fair chance to see their loved ones.

ZOOM Meeting:

Our next zoom meeting will be on May 20th at 6pm, mark your calendars.

Have a good week,

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