

June 11, 2021

Hi Everyone,

I have some visit updates and some general reminders for you this week.

**Visits (this is for everyone but, we've actually only had a few abusers of our visit guidelines):**

A reminder that when visiting your loved one you are not allowed to wander the hallways or stop and talk with other residents or staff. All visits MUST BE IN THE ROOM AND NOT IN THE COMMON AREA(S). We had this happen this past week and it is not allowed under CMS regulations.

At this time visits are scheduled to end by 4:30 pm due to our being able to have staff available to monitor them. Going forward all visits will need to be completed by this time. We are not able to offer evening/night visits at this time; this will apply to regular and compassionate care visits. Thank you for your understanding.

We've been having a number of people just showing up expecting to come in and have a visit. Due to the regulations on the number of visitors we can have in the building at any one time, we will not be able to accommodate these types of visits. As this email list is limited, PLEASE share this information with your family members/family friends. Also, there are a few family's with multiple family members scheduling visits; this is not fair to other residents. We ask that you coordinate your family visits with your entire family so that other residents have an opportunity for a visit on the schedule.

We sincerely hope that all these rules will end at some point and we can just open the doors like before (pre-COVID). However, at this time CMS continues to hold the key.

**Of Note:**

We sincerely hope that all visitors are being truthful with the questions we ask at the door; if you are vaccinated or not, and are following the masking and distancing guidelines based on your vaccinated/nonvaccinated status. It does concern us with the increased visits and our loosening up on the areas noted above, that COVID could be brought into the building.

We are here to care for and protect **all residents** and hope you feel the same way. Of course, our main concern is the unvaccinated residents and staff that are most susceptible to the COVID virus.

**Past News Letters/Other Info:**

- Are posted on our web site under COVID Updates.
  - MTC's visitation guidelines can be found on our web site.  
<https://mtcarmelrehabcenter.org/covid-19-update/> .
- ❖ **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.**

**Positivity Rates:**

The New Hampshire map currently has a moderate community transmission rate of 55.5; this is still above the 50 cases per 100,000 goal but we're almost there 😊.

Manchester's positivity rate is currently at 1.6%, **DOWN** from 1.9% last week. Below is how the rest of the county's rank and all counties are now below the 5%.

<b>Belknap County, NH</b>	2.8%	Green
<b>Carroll County, NH</b>	1.6%	Green
<b>Cheshire County, NH</b>	1.8%	Green
<b>Coos County, NH</b>	4.2%	Green
<b>Grafton County, NH</b>	0.3%	Green
<b>Hillsborough County, NH</b>	.9%	Green
<b>Manchester</b>	1.9%	Green
<b>Merrimack County, NH</b>	1.9%	Green
<b>Nashua</b>	2.4%	Green
<b>Rockingham County, NH</b>	1.1%	Green
<b>Strafford County, NH</b>	4.1%	Green
<b>Sullivan County, NH</b>	5.2%	

**The following interventions are in place:**

- All unvaccinated staff continue to wear an N95 mask and surgical mask.
- All vaccinated staff are wearing a surgical mask in resident care areas.
- We continue to do staff screening before all shifts.
- We are testing all non-vaccinated staff once per month per state guidelines.
- All residents are assessed for signs and symptoms of Covid-19, 2 times a day.
- If an 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.

**Live Entertainment – Join us!**

We have live entertainment outside and will be continuing for the next few months. We are allowing 2 family members to join if they would like with **advance notice**. If you will only be here during the entertainment then you will only need to call Barbara and let her know; you **do**

**not** need to schedule this visit online. This is so we can ensure enough spaced seating is available.

If you decide to make it part of a scheduled visit you **would need** to schedule this online **in addition** to letting Barbara know that you will be attending the entertainment so that seating can be made available. Upcoming entertainment starting at 2pm, (weather permitting): Mark Stanzler; 6/15 - Marlena Phillips; 6/23 - Ronnie Chase.

**ZOOM Meeting:**

Our next zoom meeting will be on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, mark your calendars.

Have a great week,

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