

July 16, 2021

Hi Everyone,

Yet another week of nothing new to report (except for an update to the numbers in the table below and last-minute visits).

Positivity Rates:

Manchester's positivity rate is currently at .8%, **UP** from .7% last week.

County	7/13/2021	7/5/2021
Belknap	0.80%	2.10%
Carroll	0.40%	0.50%
Cheshire	0.60%	0.80%
Coos	9.20%	1.60%
Grafton	0.50%	0.30%
Manchester	0.80%	0.70%
Merrimack	0.80%	0.50%
Nashua	1.20%	1.90%
Rest of Hillsborough	1.00%	0.60%
Rockingham	1.20%	1.20%
Strafford	0.20%	0.70%
Sullivan	0.50%	1.50%

The following interventions continue to be 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.

From Barbara:

Music Entertainment in July (weather permitting), 7/22- Ronnie Chase, scheduled for 2:00. This will be a 70's themed event and everyone will be wearing the tie-dyed T-shirts the residents just made.

Last Minute Visits:

In past newsletters I had mentioned that our online visit scheduling system doesn't allow you to book a visit unless it is more than 3-days out. But, that you could call on the current day and if there was an opening you could come in.

To make it a bit easier for everyone, you can now call our receptionist (instead of Barbara) and ask her the availability of open times for a **same day visit** (she will not schedule regular visits those need to be done online). Also, to accommodate weekend visits slots that may go unfilled, you can call the receptionist by 4:00 on Friday's and she can let you know if there are open slots over the weekend that are available. Hopefully, this will streamline the same day or weekend scheduling process for everyone. **Remember this is for same day/next day visits and weekend visits only not for the general scheduling of a visit.**

Lastly, you are also welcome to come in as often as you would like based on the availability of open unscheduled time slots. Hope this helps those of you that have been wanting to come in more often.

Past News Letters/Other Info:

- News letters 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.**

ZOOM Meeting:

Our next zoom meeting will be on August 19th at 6pm, mark your calendars.

Have a great week,

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