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Hello Everyone,

Another quiet week and nothing new to report. We are still working on setting up the booster vaccine we are at the mercy of our pharmacy in getting it scheduled. New Hampshire remains in the **RED** zone for transmission rate.

The following interventions continue to be in place:

- All approved unvaccinated staff continue to wear an N95 mask and surgical mask and eye protection
- All other staff are wearing a surgical mask and eye protection at all times and in all areas
- We screen all staff upon entering the building
- We screen all visitors upon entering the building
- We screen all vendors upon entering the building
- Vendors in close contact with residents are required to be vaccinated
- We test all approved non-vaccinated staff two times per week per state guidelines
- All residents are assessed for signs and symptoms of Covid-19, 2 times a day and if there is a noticeable change in their condition

Reminder - Last Minute Visits:

As you already know our online visit scheduling system doesn't allow you to book a visit unless it is more than 3-days out. But, you can call on the current day and if there is an opening you can come in.

To make it a bit easier, you can call Lori our receptionist (instead of Barbara) and ask her the availability of open times for a **same day visit**. Also, to accommodate weekend visits slots that may go unfilled, you can call the receptionist by 4:00 on Friday's and Lori 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.** 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.

Compassionate care visits are being scheduled by the nursing staff on the particular floor your loved one is residing. We request that these visits be scheduled in advance. Please call the floor(s) directly to schedule your visit @ 627-3811 and follow the prompts to get to a particular floor.

Another Reminder:

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); this is a CMS regulation. If we find visitors wandering around the facility i.e. the lobby area, dining rooms etc. your visits going forward will be changed to a monitored in-lobby visit going forward. This will also apply if you do not follow the masking

rules. We have seen **unvaccinated** visitors take their mask off once they get into the room; this IS NOT allowed.

We do hope that all these rules will end at some point and we can just open the doors like pre-COVID. However, at this time CMS/CDC 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. **New Hampshire's transmission rate is currently RED.** It does concern us with the increased transmission rate 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.

Past News Letters/Other Info:

- News letters are posted on our web site under COVID Updates. <https://mtcarmelrehabcenter.org/covid-19-update/> .
- 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.
- The reporting method for the current level of Community Transmission in the state via the CDC's reporting system is now color-coded; Gray = No Data, **Blue** = Low Transmission, **Yellow** = Moderate Transmission, **Orange** = Substantial Transmission, **Red** = High Transmission: **WE ARE STILL IN RED.** If this type of info interest you please go to: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_community for more information.

Monthly ZOOM Meeting:

Our next zoom meeting will be on October 21st at 6pm, mark your calendars; an invite will go out prior to that meeting.

Hiring:

2-3 Part-time receptionists for evenings and weekends. We also have openings in housekeeping, dietary and nursing. Please spread the word 😊 Go To:

<https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/All/1a2915aa-7fbd-4325-96f0-1ace5d58d007/New-Hampshire-Catholic-Charities?location=All%20Locations&department=Mt.%20Carmel>

Have a great week,

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