

March 4, 2022

Hello Everyone,

As you know we are out of outbreak and moving forward. On 2/27 we started Bi-weekly antigen testing of all non-boosted staff (no residents). We are however, doing antigen test as needed for residents if anything is suspected.

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

- All residents are wearing and being reminded to wear a mask when out of their room, **when with a visitor**, and during care, (difficult on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor).
- All staff are wearing a surgical mask and eye protection at all times and in all resident/patient care areas.
- 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.
- We screen all staff, visitors, vendors, and other healthcare providers upon entering the building.

**New PPE Guidance:**

I have attached to this email the new PPE guidance we are following as of today. We are currently at a “High” transmission level. This is only for staff. There have been no changes for visitors; please follow what we currently have in place.

**Visitation:**

I have attached our reception schedule to this email. We now have three receptionists (looking for a 4<sup>th</sup>), and are able to extend the front door entrance hours until 8pm. Our preferred hours of visitation are 9am to 8pm but can be arranged thru nursing if you need an accommodation. If you see a “No” on a date there is no receptionist on and you should enter at the side door. Ring the doorbell; this goes off on the second floor and someone will come down to let you in. Please be aware that during meals times you may wait a long time for them to answer the door, 5:00 to 6:00 pm as residents come first.

**FYI Weekly newsletters:**

I am sending this letter/email out as I wanted you to have the new PPE guidelines and receptionist schedule for visitation. There is no requirement by CMS to send anything out unless we have a positive COVID case. So, unless there is something of importance to share with you, you may not hear from me on a weekly basis going forward.

Think Spring!

Sincerely,  
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# COVID TRANSMISSIONS

## PPE NEEDED AT EACH LEVEL

<b>LOW</b>	<p><b><u>MEDICAL FACE MASK</u></b>            TO BE CHANGED A MINIMUM OF 4X'S IN AN 8HR SHIFT FOR ALL STAFF OR MORE FREQUENTLY IF MASK BECOMES SOILED, WET OR DAMAGED</p>
<b>MODERATE</b>	<p><b><u>MEDICAL FACE MASK</u></b>            TO BE CHANGED A MINIMUM OF 4X'S IN AN 8HR SHIFT FOR ALL STAFF OR MORE FREQUENTLY IF MASK BECOMES SOILED, WET OR DAMAGED</p>
<b>SUBSTANTIAL</b>	<p><b><u>MEDICAL FACE MASK</u></b>            TO BE CHANGED A MINIMUM OF 4X'S IN AN 8HR SHIFT FOR ALL STAFF OR MORE FREQUENTLY IF MASK BECOMES SOILED, WET OR DAMAGED</p> <p><b><u>EYE PROTECTION</u></b>            FACE SHIELD OR GOGGLES REQUIRED ON UNITS</p>
<b>HIGH</b>	<p><b><u>MEDICAL FACE MASK</u></b>            TO BE CHANGED A MINIMUM OF 4X'S IN AN 8HR SHIFT FOR ALL STAFF OR MORE FREQUENTLY IF MASK BECOMES SOILED, WET OR DAMAGED.</p> <p><b><u>EYE PROTECTION</u></b>            FACE SHIELD OR GOGGLES REQUIRED ON UNITS</p>

## DURING OUTBREAK

## IN A COVID POSITIVE OR QUARANTINE AREA & DURING AEROSOLIZING PROCEDURES

**N95 FOR ALL STAFF**

CHANGED AT LEAST ONCE IN AN 8HR SHIFT – AND – AFTER PERFORMING AEROSOLIZING PROCEDURES – AND – AFTER COMING OUT OF A COVID POSITIVE OR QUARANTINE ROOM

**EYE PROTECTION**

FACE SHIELD OR GOGGLES REQUIRED ON UNITS – CLEANSED AFTER PERFORMING AEROSOLIZING PROCEDURES AND AFTER LEAVING A COVID POSITIVE OR QUARANTINE AREA/ROOM

**GOWNS**

CHANGED AT LEAST ONCE IN AN 8HR SHIFT – AND – AFTER PERFORMING AEROSOLIZING PROCEDURES – AND – AFTER COMING OUT OF A COVID POSITIVE OR QUARANTINE ROOM

# WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS:

Preferred visiting hours are 9:00 am – 8:00 pm.

A receptionist is available based on the schedule below.

## March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 YES	2 YES	3 YES	4 NO	5 YES
6 YES	7 YES	8 YES	9 YES	10 YES	11 NO	12 YES
13 YES	14 YES	15 YES	16 YES	17 YES	18 YES	19 NO
20 YES	21 NO	22 YES	23 YES	24 YES	25 YES	26 YES
27 YES	28 YES	29 YES	30 YES	31 YES		
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If a receptionist is not available after 4:30 pm (indicated by a NO on the date), please go to the side entrance and ring door bell.