

The Shepherd's Center
Neighbors Caring For Neighbors
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Dear Families

YAY!!! Finally getting back to **some** normalcy. CMS sent out our new guidelines on Friday, April 30, 2021. I will share the good news that everyone has been waiting for.

First, The Shepherd's Center staff wants you to know that we will continue to do everything we can to keep your loved ones safe during this COVID pandemic. Our main goal is still to keep the COVID from spreading and coming into our resident's home. We will notify families as soon as we receive any new information regarding their loved ones and/or the COVID pandemic. The staff will continue to get tested per county positivity rate.

So, on to the good news everyone has been waiting for....

Outdoor Visits

Window visits, patio visits, as weather permits are always accepted, as well as the **facetime, skype.**

Guidance/Indoor Visitation

Starting 5/3/2021

- Indoor visitations are still permitted in the residents' room only.
- Per CMS they are still recommending scheduled visits, just so there is not a lot of visitors at one time in facility: 9am-11am, 1pm-3pm, and/or 6pm-8pm.
- Call up to the facility and LaTessa will oversee scheduling your visit but anyone can do it.
- Please schedule your visit as early as possible
- Please go to the front (middle) entrance.
- Per CMS, **Before** entering the facility, you will be asked to fill out the questionnaire, screened for signs and symptoms of COVID19 and temperature taken.
- You will **not** be permitted to visit if you are having signs or symptoms of COVID19.
- We will also provide personal protective equipment, if needed.

- Facemask is required and will need to be worn while walking through the facility.
- There will be 2-3 visitors per resident at a time.
- No children under the age of 16 years are permitted.
- Per CMS states that if all parties are fully vaccinated-they can take off mask and hug their loved one in the resident's room only.

CMS definition of **“fully vaccinated”** refers to a person who is >2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or > 2weeks following receipt of 1-dose of a single dose vaccine.

CMS definition of **“unvaccinated”** refers to a person who does not fit the definition of “fully vaccinated”, including people whose vaccination status is not known for the purposes of this guidance.

- The Shepherd's Center staff **does** have the right to ask you to leave if you are not following our guidelines.

Visitation Testing

Testing is no longer required. However we will still be offering testing to all visitors and strongly encourage visitors to continue to get tested.

Outings

- Vaccinated Residents:
 - Out of the facility for less than 24 hours. You can visit in small groups with other vaccinated people.
 - If around people who are not vaccinated:
 - Wear a mask.
 - Social distance
 - Wash hands
 - Resident will not have to quarantine when returned if out of the facility less than 24 hours, unless they have come into contact with someone with known active COVID19 virus.
 - Out of the facility greater than 24 hours, resident will be required to quarantine in their room.
- Unvaccinated Residents:
 - Resident will not be able to leave the facility with their family members.
 - If families and resident chose to leave the facility, they will be required to quarantine no matter the amount of time they are gone from the facility.

Keeping Families Updated

Please go to The Shepherd's Center Facebook and/or our website at www.theshepherdscenter.org, we will keep you posted on any updates.

If you have any questions or concerns, Please feel free to talk to Kyra Hagerman, DON or myself at any time.

Thank you

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