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Dear Families,

We are experiencing an increase in the Covid, Specifically the Omicron BA 2 variant which is highly contagious. We would like to update you on key Infection Control Principles we are using and need support from you.

**Transmission Level:** We are at a high transmission level

**Outbreak:** We will notify you if your loved one tests positive for covid or there is an outbreak. If there is an outbreak, we will test until there is 14 days clear of no new cases. If the resident is up to date on vaccine as defined below, they will not be restricted to their room, but will wear source control.

**Screening:** We will be maintaining only one entrance with required screening for temperature, symptoms, and exposure risk. You will not be allowed to visit if

- you have a positive viral test for SARS-CoV-2,
- symptoms of COVID-19,
- or close contact with someone with SARS-CoV-2 infection and if you have not tested negative after day 7 of exposure or ten days with no symptom or fever for 24 hours.

**Visitation:** During your visit, you must wear a well-fitting mask, social distance and practice hand hygiene and cough hygiene whether you visit in or outdoor. If you are up not up to date, we encourage outdoor visitation and if your loved one shares a room with someone not up to date or immuno-compromised.

We encourage you to limit in person visitation while your loved one is infectious or during outbreak due to risk, but if a visit is conducted the resident (if tolerated) and yourself must wear a well-fitting mask and visitation is only in a resident room. If the outbreak requires closing a unit, you will be notified of additional precautions and encouraged not to visit it unless end-of-life visit.

We highly recommend that you and loved one stay up to date on vaccination and that as able to test prior to visitation and let us know your status.

**Up to date** - CDC definition of vaccination/booster for you and your loved one. This means

- You have completed your primary series but are not yet eligible for a booster.
- You have received one booster but are not recommended to get a 2nd booster.
- You have received one booster but are not yet eligible for a 2nd booster: or
- You have completed your primary series and 2nd booster

Currently, the CDC recommends everyone ages five years and older get one booster after completing their COVID-19 vaccine primary series. The CDC also recommends that adults ages 50 years and older, or people ages 12 years and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised, receive two boosters.

New admissions or residents who leave community for > 24 hrs. must have 2 viral tests- one immediately and if negative 5-7 days after return regardless of vaccination status and be in quarantine if they show symptoms or are not up to date on vaccinations. Please practice masking, social distancing and hand hygiene even for short visit outside community.

Thank you for allowing us to care for your loved one.