

Update 5 to COVID-19 Restricted Access **Reminder (6/4/20):**

Dear Residents, Resident Families, Guests/Visitors, Vendors and Staff:

While these days are particularly difficult due to the pandemic, I want to make sure that you know that we as a regulated healthcare organization must comply with federal and state agencies. That said, I want to take this opportunity to remind you that the COVID-19 Restricted Access remains in place and is mandatory ***without exception:***

*Company-wide, we are following the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMC), state-specific regulations, and our policies. All of these prohibit entry of non-essential personnel and visitors to our community except for those residents in the last stage of end of life diagnosis (which must be documented by a healthcare provider.)

*Any healthcare/routine doctor visits must be deemed (in writing) as essential.

*Other than an essential healthcare appointment, if a resident decides to leave the community with a relative/friend, in order to return to community residency, the resident must be considered COVID-19 positive and must be isolated in their room for 14-days and have no symptoms during that 14-days if the state regulations/community regulations permit this, or isolate for the 14-days away from the community if that is what the state regulations/community regulations require. **Contact your Executive Director to see which isolation requirement applies to your community.**

*Everyone who is permitted access to the community must complete the pre-screening procedures each time they request access, and they must always use the appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE), and always restrict their presence to the resident's room.

*For further information feel free to contact the state agency and/or the CDC or CMC. The Executive Director or designee will be glad to provide you with the contact information.

Be safe and stay well!

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