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Dear Families, Residents, and Staff,

After a solid year of the COVID-19 pandemic, there is hope on the horizon. We held three vaccine clinics this winter when many of our residents and staff were fully vaccinated. We continue to vaccinate residents when doses are made available.

The CDC and the Department of Public Health have given us guidance how to further open our doors to visitors. Please note, the definition of being **FULLY** vaccinated is - received both required doses of the Moderna or the Pfizer vaccine and it has been at least two weeks since the 2nd dose of their vaccine or it has been two weeks since you received the one required dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Below is how we are proceeding with their guidance:

At this time, Covid-19 still remains a risk to both you and your loved one if you are not fully vaccinated. The facility continues to follow strict infection control guidance to eliminate the risk of covid-19 entering the facility. We ask for your patience in complying with these guidelines. Outdoor visits continue to be a safe alternative.

- Visitors will continue to be screened at the front door of the lobby by having their temperature taken and being asked a series of questions regarding their health, recent travel, and if they have had any exposure to COVID-19. Please arrive 15 minutes early
- All visitors will be required to wear a mask for the duration of their visit and practice good hand hygiene throughout their visit. Eye protection will also be available.
- Visitors who **are not fully** vaccinated, will need to continue to schedule their visits per usual facility process. Visitors will be required to practice social distancing (minimum of 6 feet apart) as well as wear a mask and practice good hand hygiene throughout their visit. There are circumstances where you may have brief physical contact so long as you are both wearing a mask, turn your head to the side and sanitize your hands before and after the contact.
- Visitors who are **FULLY** vaccinated may visit their loved ones in their rooms, **IF** their loved one is also fully vaccinated, **and** their loved one's roommate is fully vaccinated. **Please note** – if your loved is fully vaccinated **but** their roommate is considered in "quarantine", you may not visit in your loved one's room.
- Compassionate care visits may still occur as per DPH guidance.
- Visitors are not permitted to "roam" the center. For everyone's health and safety, visitors must go from the screening area directly to the visiting area or resident room and not enter other areas of the facility such as diet kitchens, other resident rooms, etc.

- In all instances, we suggest scheduling ahead to arrange your visit and include the number of visitors. Indoor visits allow up to 3 visitors if space allows. Preferred visitation hours are between 10am-7pm Monday through Friday, and 10am-6pm on weekends. The screening process may take longer during staff shift change, we suggest avoiding 2:30-3:30- If these times are not convenient, please contact us.
- Rapid antigen testing with our Binax test is recommended for all visitors age 18 and over. The test is free of charge and requires a 15-minute wait time for results. You may wait outside or in your car.
- Visits may be suspended if COVID is detected in the center. We will notify you if this happens.

We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we slowly emerge from this virus, and we encourage everyone to become vaccinated as soon as possible to keep our residents safe. Please contact us directly for any questions.

Warmest Regards,

BaneCare Executive Directors

Attachment: Informational Flyer