

November 17, 2021

Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

We are happy to announce our **Plan for expanding our Visitation Guidance** based on current regulatory guidance, **while emphasizing** the importance of maintaining core infection prevention practices:

- The basic infection prevention practices, including **wearing a face covering or mask, physical distancing, and hand hygiene**, are still absolutely necessary.
- We encourage visitors **to be tested on their own before** coming to the facility (e.g., **within 2–3 days**).
- **We strongly encourage** all visitors to become **vaccinated**.

Visitors, Residents, or their representative should be **made aware** of the **potential risk of visiting** and **necessary precautions** related to COVID-19 in order to visit the Resident.

While we acknowledge that there are still concerns associated with visitation, this is a **great step** in bringing **Residents closer together with their families**. Continuing to take precautions to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19, however, remains vitally important.

- We want to emphasize that the Residents have private rooms that may be used for visitation.
- If you prefer a private visit in another area of the Home we will do our best to accommodate your wishes, without infringing on the rights of other Residents.
- Each Resident also has a right to restrict visitation at any time.

This new and important information is positive news for the Residents as well as for family and friends. Let us all be partners in making this work for all. Thank you for your support in this “Step for the Residents Happiness.”

Gratefully,

Mother Margaret Regina and the Little Sisters