



March 16, 2021

Dear Lions Gate Community Members,

Thank you all for your continued support and understanding as we navigate toward better days. We received positive feedback for the layout of the weekly updates, so we will continue with the information pieces first and the statistics section last.

### **CDC Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People**

We have reviewed the CDC recommendations for fully vaccinated people and are implementing the changes below in our Independent Living Community. Even though we are making these changes, we request that you do not let down your guard and that you remain vigilant in the fight to remain COVID free. Residents and families are free to participate at their level of comfort.

Assisted Living and Skilled nursing are not impacted by these guidelines as they are regulated by the NJ Department of Health.

If you are not aware of these recommendations, here is the link to the website:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

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Effective today March 16, 2021 the following will be our guidelines, subject to change if the COVID status in the region or on our campus changes.

1. Fully vaccinated guests for whom we have obtained verification of vaccination will not be required to provide us with a copy of their COVID test results. Please provide a copy of your vaccination card to the Concierge desk, either upon arrival or via email to [lgadministrator@lionsgateccrc.org](mailto:lgadministrator@lionsgateccrc.org). All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, will be screened upon entry and if they have symptoms will be denied entry.
2. We request that non-vaccinated guests or guests vaccinated within 3 weeks of their visit be COVID tested – Lions Gate is able to provide a rapid test onsite if you are not able to obtain a test in the community. The test takes approximately 15 minutes; however, the process can be longer if there is a line - please be patient. All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, will be screened upon entry and if they have symptoms will be denied entry.
3. We will continue to encourage masks, social distancing and hand sanitizing among residents, however, we will not police these actions. Residents will be permitted to have conversations with friends and families without staff instructing them to wear their mask and to stay 6 feet from one another.
4. Beginning Monday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Lions Gate will discontinue shopping for residents, however we will begin offering grocery store transportation. Grocery store transportation will be Mondays and Thursdays leaving from the main entrance at 11am.

If you are uncomfortable shopping for yourself, you are still able to order through local grocery stores that offer delivery; let us know if you need assistance submitting online grocery store orders.

5. The following will be reopened – Media Room, Card Room and Library. Residents will be permitted to use these areas for socializing and playing games (cards, mohjong, etc.).
6. We will discontinue delivery of internal mail to the apartments; the in-house mailbox area will be used for internal mail delivery. Please check your boxes.

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- Residents will be permitted to enter the building from any entranceway they prefer and not be required to enter through the front entrance. Reactivating the fobs may take us several days. Our goal is to have this process complete by Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. This is only for residents. All non-residents (family members, private duty aides, contractors, etc.) must continue to enter through the front entrance. If we determine you are allowing non-residents, who have not been screened, in through a side entrance your fob will be deactivated, and you will be required to enter the building through the front entrance.

All staff, including private duty aides, are considered healthcare workers, therefore regardless of vaccination status, will continue to require COVID testing, the wearing of masks and social distancing.

## **DINING**

We continue to develop the plan for opening the dining room. We anticipate the dining room to open in mid to late April after Passover.

We will continue to provide details as the much anticipated reopening date arrives.

## **PROGRAMMING**

We will continue to increase the number of events held in Commons Hall. We will not be requiring individuals to make reservations in order to attend the daily events, however, special occasions when seating is limited may require reservations. In addition to the in person events, we continue to provide various movies and exercise videos on our internal television station (Channel 1970).

This week we have the following in Commons Hall:

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| 3/15 | Music Appreciation with Michael Ludwig<br>Current Events with Jeanette Axelrod |
| 3/16 | Travel & Photography with Pat Worley<br>Best of Broadway with Leila Joffe      |
| 3/17 | How did we get here with Steve Pollack   |
| 3/18 | Opera – Hansel & Gretel – with Gerry Tremblay                                  |
| 3/19 | Egyptomania! with Dr. Steve  |

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## PRECAUTIONS

If you have an aide please remember to wear a mask at all times and insist that the aide (or visitor) wear a mask when inside your apartment.

We continue to be diligent with following infection control protocols and suggest social distancing and mask wearing. In addition, we continue to in-service staff on a regular basis on proper hand-washing techniques, proper mask wearing, and social distancing. On a daily basis, we sanitize and disinfect apartment doorbells, doorknobs, handrails, etc. throughout independent living.

## STATISTICS

Effective **February 26, 2021**, Lions Gate was declared “Out of Outbreak” status by the NJ Department of Health. The end of outbreak status results in a reset of the statistics.

Please see below updated COVID statistics from **February 26, 2021** through today:

- Current # COVID positive on the cohort unit today 0
  - Residents from Independent Living 0
  - Residents from Assisted Living 0
  - Residents from Skilled Nursing 0
  - Residents from outside Lions Gate 0
- Cumulative Total # COVID positive Lions Gate residents 0
- Current # COVID positive employees 1
- Cumulative total COVID positive employee 1
- Cumulative total # of residents who passed away 0
- Cumulative total # of employees who passed away 0

*Note: Lions Gate maintains a distinct COVID-positive unit, designed for isolation of COVID positive Lions Gate residents as well as persons who were COVID positive prior to admission to Lions Gate; they were in the hospital/community and in need of rehab services. We do not report the cumulative numbers of these “outside” residents, only cumulative Lions Gate residents and employees.*

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We will continue to provide you with updates as they become available. Please know that we are strictly adhering to and following infection control protocols and guidance from the CMS, CDC and the NJ Department of Health.

We thank you for your continued cooperation and support and appreciate your partnership during these challenging times.

If you have any questions, please call the COVID Hotline at 856-679-4679 or email at [lgadministrator@lionsgateccrc.org](mailto:lgadministrator@lionsgateccrc.org)

Be Well and Be Safe!

Respectfully,  
David Thompson  
COO/CFO



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