



November 12, 2021

Dear Lions Gate Community Members,

We hope you are doing well!

We continue to monitor NJ COVID-19 Activity Level Index (CALI). The CALI remains “Moderate” for our region, and for the state of New Jersey as a whole. Please do not let your guard down. You should remain vigilant and **regardless of vaccination status, please wear a mask in common areas**, wash/sanitize your hands and practice social distancing.

Indoor visitation has resumed for all areas of the healthcare center!

This past week, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) announced their vaccination mandate. All staff members, private duty aides, volunteers, and anyone providing direct care to the residents needs to have at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by December 5, 2021. If someone does not have at least one dose of a two-step vaccine or the Janssen single dose by 12/5/2021, they will not be permitted into the Community. All staff members, private duty aides, volunteers, and anyone providing direct care to the residents are required to be fully vaccinated by January 4, 2022. This means that the second dose of a two-step series must be completed by this date. If the series is not completed by this date, they will not be permitted into the Community. Proof of vaccination is required upon entry into the Community.

We have been and will continue to screen all of our employees, vendors, guests upon entry into the facility. We continue to provide employees and residents with proper PPE and have sufficient supply to continue to do so.

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DINING

Guests are NOT permitted to eat in the dining room or bistro. Guests are permitted to order food from either venue, but must consume the food in your apartment or outside.

All seating is open seating and will be based on a 1st come 1st served basis. Seating begins at 4:30pm and ends at 6pm. We ask that you limit table time to 90 minutes.

PRECAUTIONS

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

PRIVATE AIDES

All private aides will be required to be vaccinated in accordance with CMS guidelines. Private duty aides need to have at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by December 5, 2021. If a private aide does not have at least one dose of a two-step vaccine or the Janssen single dose by 12/5/2021, they will not be permitted into the Community. Private duty aides are required to be fully vaccinated by January 4, 2022. This means that the second dose of a two-step series must be completed by this date. If the series is not completed by this date, they will not be permitted into the Community. Proof of vaccination is required upon entry into the Community.

Fully vaccinated private aides are required to be tested weekly and will continue to be screened upon entry to the building. If a fully vaccinated private aide exhibits signs of COVID, they will be required to submit to a COVID test before being permitted to enter the community. Proof of vaccination is required. Aides are encouraged to provide a copy of their vaccination card to be kept on file at the concierge desk or they will be required to provide proof of vaccination each time they enter the community.

There are no changes in the process for unvaccinated private aides regarding screening or testing. Unvaccinated aides must continue to enter through the employee entrance to be screened and continue to be tested on their current scheduled days.

VISITATION GUIDELINES

1. All visitors, regardless of vaccination status, must enter through the front door by the concierge desk to be screened. **Please do not enter through 1st floor patio doors without all guests being screened at the concierge desk, this puts your loved one and our other residents at risk.**

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2. When visiting, please sanitize your hands, **wear a mask at all times**, and go directly to and from the apartment you are visiting.
3. We require proof of vaccination or proof of a negative COVID test result within 5 days of you visit or we will test visitors here between 8:30a and 4p (guests under 18 cannot be tested onsite). We use a Binax nasal swab COVID test onsite, and the process takes approximately 15 minutes to receive a result.
4. Guests under the age of 18 years may now visit, however we are not able test individuals under the age of 18 onsite. Any unvaccinated visitors under the age of 18 must arrive with proof of vaccination status or a negative test result taken within the last 5 days.
5. Persons who test positive or are exhibiting signs of COVID will not be permitted to visit and must leave the premises immediately.

Please see below updated COVID statistics from **October 28, 2021** through today:

- Current # COVID positive 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 0
- Cumulative total COVID positive employee 1
- Cumulative total # of residents who passed away 0
- Cumulative total # of employees who passed away 0

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

We thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

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If you have any questions, please call the COVID Hotline at 856-679-4679 or email at lgadministrator@lionsgateccrc.org

Be Well and Be Safe!

Respectfully,
David Thompson
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