

December 30, 2021

Dear Residents and Family Members:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) announced on December 28th their final rule regarding the vaccination mandate. All staff members, private duty aides, volunteers, vendors, and anyone providing direct care to the residents needs to have at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by <u>January 27, 2022</u>. If someone does not have at least one dose of a two-step vaccine or the Janssen single dose by <u>1/27/2022</u>, they will not be permitted to provide care at Lions Gate. All staff members, private duty aides, volunteers, and anyone providing direct care to the residents are required to be fully vaccinated by <u>February 26</u>, <u>2022</u>. 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 to provide care at Lions Gate. **Proof of vaccination** is required upon entry into the Community.

We continue to monitor NJ COVID-19 Activity Level Index (CALI). The CALI remains "HIGH" 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.

If you have any questions or concerns in regard to this please feel free to contact our Infection Preventionist, JoAnne Hobbs, LPN at 856.679.2196.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

David Thompson Chief Executive Officer

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