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December 23, 2021

Dear Lions Gate Community Members:

We hope you are having a good week!

We just learned that 2 staff members (1 in Environmental Services and 1 in Nursing) who are fully vaccinated have tested positive for COVID-19. Per the new CMS regulations, visitation will **not** be paused at this time. We will be COVID-19 testing the residents and staff members who came into contact with this staff person today and again next week.

While visiting, we ask that all visitors follow the COVID-19 Prevention Practices below:

Visitors who have a positive viral test for COVID-19, symptoms of COVID-19, or currently meet the criteria for quarantine, should not enter the Community.

All visitors will continued to be screened upon entry into the Community.

Visitors are encouraged to practice good hand hygiene including the use of alcohol-based hand rub upon entry/exit into the Community.

Visitation should take place inside of the resident room or in a visitation designated area only. Gathering in common areas of the Community is not permitted at this time.

Outdoor visitation is preferred when the resident and/or visitor are not fully vaccinated. However, weather conditions or a residents' health status may hinder this option. We no longer require these visits to be scheduled.

Please wear a mask and practice social distancing while going to and from the residents' room that you are visiting.

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<u>Since the county's COVID -19 community level of transmission is high to very high, all residents and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, should wear face coverings or masks and physical distance at all times.</u>

If the county COVID-19 community level of transmission is low to moderate, the safest practice is for residents and visitors to wear face coverings or masks and physically distance, particularly if either of them is at increased risk for severe disease or unvaccinated.

If the resident and all of their visitor(s) are fully vaccinated and the resident is not moderately or severely immunocompromised, they may choose not to wear face coverings or masks and to have physical contact.

While not recommended, residents who are on transmission based precautions (TBP) can still receive visitors. Residents and visitors should wear a well-fitting mask if possible. Visitors will be made aware if the resident they are visiting is on TBP prior to their visit and made aware of the potential risks. TBP are required when a resident has tested positive for COVID-19 or has been exposed to COVID-19.

Visitors are not required to be tested or vaccinated (or show proof as such) as a condition of visiting. If a visitor declines to disclose their vaccination status or is unvaccinated, the visitor should wear a mask or face covering at all times.

Residents Outings

Residents will be screened upon return to the Community for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

If a resident/family member reports possible close contact with an individual with COVID-19 while being out of the Community, the resident will be tested for COVID-19 and placed on Transmission-Based Precautions regardless of vaccination status.

If a resident develops signs or symptoms of COVID-19 after an outing, the resident will be tested for COVID-19 and placed on Transmission-Based Precautions, regardless of vaccination status.

Unvaccinated residents will be tested upon return to the community if they leave frequently or for a prolonged length of time, such as over 24 hours. Based upon assessment, quarantining upon return may be required.

Residents who are fully vaccinated are not required to be quarantined at this time, provided they are not showing signs and symptoms of COVID-19 or have not been exposed to someone with signs and symptoms of COVID-19 or to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Please see below updated COVID statistics from **December 10, 2021**:

- 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 4
- Cumulative total COVID positive employee 5

- 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.

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
Chief Executive Officer