



January 6, 2022

Dear Lions Gate Community Members,

We hope you are having a good week!

We have been notified that 2 Independent Living Residents, and 1 Administrative staff member who are fully vaccinated with the booster have tested positive for COVID-19. Per the new Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (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 the resident today and again next week.

As a reminder, **we ask that guests do not congregate in common areas of the community.** Guests are to enter the community at the main entrance and get checked in and then go directly to the resident apartment.

We continue to monitor NJ COVID-19 Activity Level Index (CALI). The CALI has increased to "High/Very High" for our region. 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.**

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.

## DINING

If you are ordering a meal to be picked up or delivered to your apartment, the order needs to be placed **no later than 3:00 pm.** Recently, we have been receiving orders during the dinner service and it is difficult to stop and fill the order while the dining room is open. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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**If you are not feeling well and are experiencing a cough, headache, stomachache, nausea, fever, chills, sneezing, or generally not feeling well, we ask that you please refrain from coming to the dining room. Instead, please consider ordering your meal to be delivered to your apartment. We recommend that you reach out to the Wellness Center if you are not feeling well.**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served basis. Seating begins at 4:30pm and ends at 6pm. We ask that you limit table time to 90 minutes.

## **PRECAUTIONS**

*We encourage all residents to wear masks at all times when not inside their apartment. Please wear masks when in all common areas as well as when attending programs inside the community. 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**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) announced their updated 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 **January 27, 2022**. If someone does not have at least one dose of a two-step vaccine or the Janssen single dose by 1/27/2022, they will not be allowed to provide care in the Community. All staff members, private duty aides, volunteers, and anyone providing direct care to the residents are required to be fully vaccinated by **February 26, 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 allowed to provide care in 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.

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**Unvaccinated private aides must be tested twice weekly due to the high/very high CALI score in the region. 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 1<sup>st</sup> floor patio doors without all guests being screened at the concierge desk, this puts your loved one and our other residents at risk.**
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. ***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.***
4. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing while going to and from the residents' apartment that you are visiting.
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 **December 10, 2021:**

- Current # COVID positive today
  - Residents from Independent Living 5
  - Residents from Assisted Living 5
  - Residents from Skilled Nursing 0
  - Residents from outside Lions Gate 0
- Cumulative Total # COVID positive Lions Gate residents 10
- Current # COVID positive employees 14
- Cumulative total COVID positive employee 28
- Cumulative total # of residents who passed away 0
- Cumulative total # of employees who passed away 0

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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](mailto:lgadministrator@lionsgateccrc.org)

Be Well and Be Safe!

Respectfully,  
David Thompson  
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