LIONS GATE
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July 25, 2022

Dear Lions Gate Community Members,

We hope you had a nice weekend!

We were notified that 1 dining staff member and 2 nursing staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. We are currently performing contact tracing and will be informing those residents and staff members who have been potentially exposed to the virus. We will be following all CDC and NJ DOH recommendations and guidelines. This does **not** have any impact on visitation. **Due to the high CALI score, we are requesting that all residents wear masks when in the common areas of the Community.**

As a reminder, Guests are to enter the community at the main entrance, get checked in and then go directly to the resident's apartment. *Please do not allow guests to enter into the Community by opening a side door.* For your protection, we need to have all guest screened at the main entrance.

We continue to monitor NJ COVID-19 Activity Level Index (CALI). **The CALI is currently "high" for our region. At this time, we ask residents to wear a mask in the hallways, common areas, and while attending all programs. Guests and staff members are still required to wear masks inside 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. 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.

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PRIVATE AIDES

Governor Phil Murphy announced on March 2, 2022 that all staff members, private duty aides, volunteers, vendors and anyone providing direct care to residents not only have to be in compliance with the COVID-19 vaccination requirement, but are also required to have the **COVID-19 booster if they are eligible by April 11, 2022**.

- Staff members, private duty aides, volunteers, vendors, and anyone providing direct care to residents are required to have their first dose of a two dose COVID-19 vaccination series or the Janssen (J&J) COVID-19 vaccination.
- Staff members, private duty aides, volunteers, vendors, and anyone providing direct care to residents will have to have both doses of a 2 step COVID-19 vaccine series **and the booster if eligible**. Staff members are required to submit proof to the Wellness Nurse of having received all doses for which they were eligible. This is consistent with the CMS vaccination mandate and goes beyond the CMS vaccine mandate to include boosters.

- Staff members, private duty aides, volunteers, vendors, and anyone providing direct care to residents who have a valid medical or religious exemption will be required to undergo regular testing.

- Staff members, private duty aides, volunteers, vendors, and anyone providing direct care to residents without a valid medical or religious exemption will no longer be permitted to submit to testing as an alternative to vaccination.

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.

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.**

2. When visiting, please sanitize your hands, social distance, and wear a mask when going to and from a resident's apartment. **Visitation is still not permitted in common areas of the Community at this time.**

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. 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 **April 20, 2021**:

- Current # COVID positive today
  - Residents from Independent Living 2
  - Residents from Assisted Living 0
  - Residents from Skilled Nursing 0
  - Residents from outside Lions Gate 0

- Cumulative Total # COVID positive Lions Gate residents 62

- Current # COVID positive employees 2
- Cumulative total COVID positive employee 32

- Cumulative total # of residents who passed away 2
- 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