



December 19, 2022

Dear Lions Gate Community Members:

Happy Chanukah!

We were notified that 2 skilled nursing residents, 2 assisted living residents, 19 independent living residents, and 12 staff members (2 from administration, 6 from nursing—3 skilled nursing and 3 assisted living, 3 environmental services, 1 dining and 1 therapy) 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.

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 continue 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 entering and exiting the Community.

Visitation should take place inside of the resident's 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 resident's 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 resident's room that you are visiting.

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**The county's COVID -19 community level of transmission is "high." All residents and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, are requested to wear face coverings or masks and social distance at all times.**

If the resident and 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 contact/droplet precautions can still receive visitors. Residents and visitors should wear a well-fitting mask and offered full PPE. Visitors will be made aware if the resident they are visiting is on contact/droplet precautions prior to their visit and made aware of the potential risks. Contact/droplet precautions 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.

## **Resident 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/vaccinated 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.

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.

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Please see below updated COVID statistics from **April 20, 2022**:

- Current # COVID positive today
  - Residents from Independent Living 20
  - Residents from Assisted Living 2
  - Residents from Skilled Nursing 2
  - Residents from outside Lions Gate 1
- Cumulative Total # COVID positive Lions Gate residents 110
- Current # COVID positive employees 15
- Cumulative total COVID positive employee 86
- 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](mailto:lgadministrator@lionsgateccrc.org)

Be Well and Be Safe!

Respectfully,

David Thompson  
Chief Executive Officer

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