



April 19, 2023

Dear Lions Gate Community Members:

We are pleased to share that the New Jersey Department of Health has issued new guidance regarding mask wearing in Senior Living Communities. Employees/visitors will not be required to mask while inside in the Community as long as the Community is not in an outbreak status and the County's transmission rate is either low or moderate.

Since the current County transmission rate for Healthcare settings in Camden County is moderate and we have been cleared from an outbreak status as of 4/17/2023, we **are not** currently requiring vaccinated employees/visitors (meaning the employee/visitor has had the primary series and a booster) to mask while inside the Community. Employees/visitors who are not vaccinated **are** required to wear a surgical mask while inside the Community. If the outbreak status and/or County's transmission rate changes and mask wearing is required, we will notify you of the change.

Residents who are up to date with vaccinations (meaning they have had the bivalent booster) **are not** required to mask in the community when the community is not in an outbreak status and the County's transmission level is low or moderate. Residents who are not up to date with vaccinations (meaning they have not had the bivalent booster) or are not vaccinated, **are** required to mask at all times while in common areas of the community. We will notify you when the guidelines for mask wearing change.

At this time, COVID screenings are still required upon entrance into the Community for both Employees and Visitors. We are still not permitted to allow visitors to gather in common spaces inside the Community. Please continue to visit your family and friends in residents' apartments/rooms or outside when the weather permits.

If you have any questions regarding this change in policy, please contact our Infection Preventionist, Asia Lee at 856.679.2219 or alee@lionsgateccrc.org.

Thank you,

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