



July 19, 2023

Dear Lions Gate Community Members:

We hope you are having a nice week!

We were notified that 1 nursing staff member has tested positive for COVID-19. We continue to following all CDC and NJ DOH recommendations and guidelines. This does **not** have any impact on visitation. Since this is now considered to be an outbreak, **we are requiring all staff, residents and guests to mask while in the common areas of the Community.** We continue to monitor NJ COVID-19 Activity Level Index (CALI). The CALI is currently “low” for our region.

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.**

Due to the outbreak, Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living residents and family members may not visit the Bistro or attend resident programming. We will inform you when this will be permitted again.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

We are currently offering the bivalent booster shot at Lions Gate for all residents and staff members. All residents and staff members are eligible for a bivalent booster as long as it has been four months since the last bivalent booster. The pharmacist is available to come to Lions Gate as needed to administer the vaccine. We are also anticipating that a new COVID booster will be available this fall. When we have more information about this, we will send out an update. If you are interested in receiving the bivalent booster, please contact the Infection Prevention Nurse, Asia Lee at 856-679-2219 or alee@lionsgateccrc.org

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Please see below updated COVID statistics:

- Current # COVID positive today
 - Residents from Independent Living 0
 - Residents from Assisted Living 0
 - Residents from Skilled Nursing 1
 - Residents from outside Lions Gate 0

- Cumulative total since 7/2/2023
 - # COVID positive Lions Gate residents 11

- Current # COVID positive employees 1
- Cumulative total since 6/28/2023
 - #COVID positive employee 2

- 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

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