



October 4, 2023

Dear Lions Gate Community Members:

We hope you are having a good week!

We were just informed that two healthcare center staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. We continue to follow all CDC and NJ DOH recommendations and guidelines. At this time, masks **are** required to be worn by residents and visitors in the common areas of Assisted Living, Skilled Nursing and Rehab. Masks **are** also required to be worn by **all** staff. Unvaccinated staff are still required to mask in 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 still not permitted at this time.***

Due to the outbreak, Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living residents and family members still 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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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 will be offering the monovalent vaccine when it is made available. We anticipate this occurring in the upcoming weeks. The monovalent booster will be made available to all Lions Gate residents and staff members. The pharmacist is available to come to Lions Gate as needed to administer the vaccine. If you are interested in receiving the monovalent 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 2
 - Residents from Assisted Living 4
 - Residents from Skilled Nursing 1
 - Residents from outside Lions Gate 0

- Cumulative total since 7/2/2023
 - # COVID positive Lions Gate residents 21

- Current # COVID positive employees 10
- Cumulative total since 6/28/2023
 - #COVID positive employee 17

- 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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