

BREAKING NEWS: Assisted Living Visitation may begin March 1, 2021

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February 12, 2021

Good morning Edenton Residents, Family Members and Staff:

Just late yesterday afternoon, Gov Hogan announced that beginning **March 1st**, MDH will permit visitation in long term care facilities. I am reviewing the guidance released late yesterday, modifying the policy from last year to better reflect lessons learned and then I will send out details to everyone in a separate letter early next week. We hope that a continued decline of virus metrics occurs, and vaccination rates increase to ensure this happens!

This week and next will bring to many staff and Residents the second round of COVID-19 vaccinations. Some staff have had some sore arms, a feeling of “bleh” and a few fevers and chills this week after getting our vaccines at Frederick Health. Overall, we are doing well, and we know what to look for and how to help Residents over the next week.

The Edenton van will shuttle many IL Residents to Frederick Health for second round vaccinations as well as help some who are scheduled for the vaccine right here on campus. IL Residents will be getting appointment reminder cards for **when and where** to report for their vaccine. Here is the schedule for AL Residents for next week:

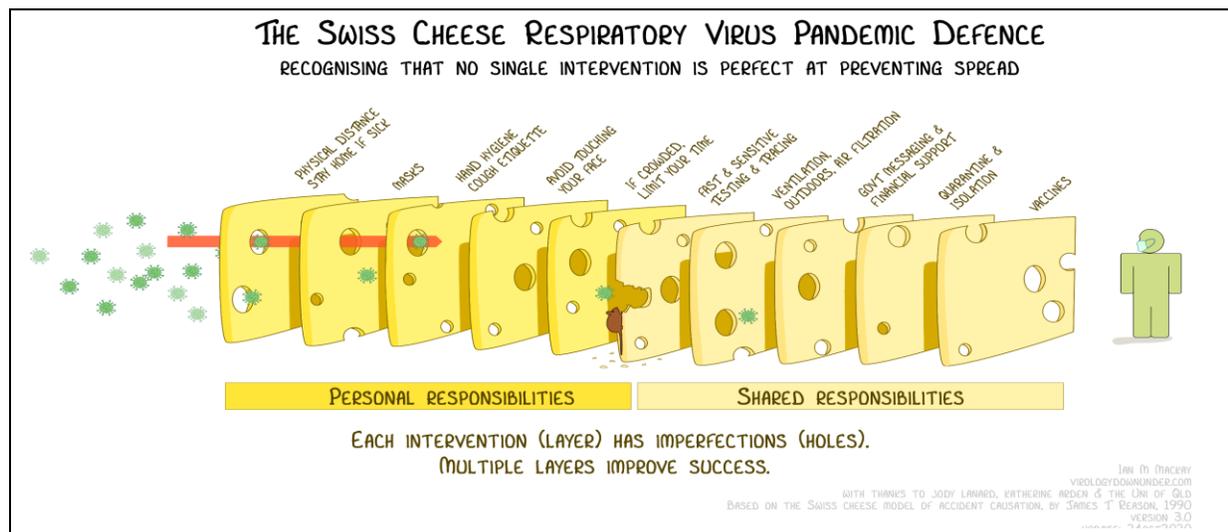
Monday February 15th - Blossom Place and MH clinic

Wednesday February 17th – Fiddlers Green and Garden House, plus MH clinic

Saturday February 20th - Orchard Terrace and MH clinic

The CDC announced information this week indicating that a person who has had both vaccinations and two weeks has passed, should they be exposed to someone with the virus, they may not need to quarantine. The MDH confirmed Thursday afternoon that this only applies to non-healthcare settings. Should Residents be exposed, MDH is still mandating quarantine activity. I will continue to monitor this as MDH provides more information and guidance.

And as we have heard many times over the past several months, there are multiple ways we can protect ourselves, our Residents and our families. This model using swiss cheese is gaining popularity as



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presented by Dr. Julie Gerberding, executive vice president and chief patient officer at Merck. The metaphor is easy: Multiple layers of protection, imagined as cheese slices, block the spread of the new coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19. No one layer is perfect; each has holes, and when the holes align, the risk of infection increases. But several layers combined — social distancing, plus masks, plus handwashing, plus testing and tracing, plus vaccination — we are significantly reducing the overall risk. (The Swiss Cheese Model of Pandemic Defense - The New York Times (nytimes.com))

If I can answer any question or provide you with additional information, please reach out to me or another member of our team.

Be Well,

RaeAnn Butler

Administrator