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Dear Edenton Residents, Family Members and Staff:

Good morning. The news this week providing public health guidance from the CDC for fully vaccinated individuals (non-healthcare settings), the Department of Health and Human Services for health care settings (long term care communities) and the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) has been a lot to read, understand the implications for us here at Edenton and revise any necessary policies and procedures. Overall, we all agree that relaxing some of the current restrictions in place might increase the risk for transmission of the coronavirus, but visitation is important and essential.

For the most part, our Assisted Living Visitation plan (implemented in October 2020) is still applicable and very little changes were made to address the impact that vaccinations have made for our long-term care communities.
Here are the key points and highlights for your information:

- Edenton moves to Green Level visitation - Edenton's assisted living remains on track to begin indoor, scheduled visitation to Resident rooms on Monday March 15th. This will be a two-week process to monitor how room visits are going as well as monitor how everyone is doing following the guidance and rules. Total number of visitors will be limited per Resident and in the building. Times will be monitored to ensure all requests for visitation can be accommodated. Screening at MH is still necessary for scheduled check in.
- Outdoor visitation is still the safest and preferred way to visit whenever practicable. Pet visits will only be permitted to occur during outside visits.
- Any Resident whether vaccinated or unvaccinated) who is under quarantine (new admission or exposure related) will not be able to have in person visitation until they get released from quarantine.
- Compassionate care visits will be allowed in all circumstances and coordinated with Edenton staff.

Independent Living Residents should consider following the safe guidance as released by the CDC for individuals who are at high risk but fully vaccinated. As a fully vaccinated person, but living in the Edenton community, we require that you continue to wear a mask when in Edenton buildings, physical distance from others and practice good hand hygiene.

Although the CDC guidance suggests that you may remove your mask and not social distance from others who are vaccinated or who are low risk in a single household, unvaccinated, we ask you to consider the risk and circumstances.

- Only remove your mask when you are actively eating and drinking in the dining room or Manor House.

- Cautiously, visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks; and
- Cautiously, visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors wearing masks.

Please continue to respect the policies and procedures Edenton has put in place to permit visitation and ensure a safe and healthy environment for everyone. I hope that we will continue to offer visitation and keep everyone safe and healthy.

As always, 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