

COVID-19 Update as of 9/30/2022

In accordance with the spirit of CDC, CMS and IDOH guidance we are implementing the following COVID updates as of 9/30/22.

1. All doors will be open in Tamarack, Assisted Living and the Health Center. Staff and Visitors are no longer required to fill out screening forms. There will be no more check in tables.
 - a. However – we will ask that all staff and visitors remember 3 items when entering:
 1. Do you have any COVID symptoms – If yes – Please DO NOT ENTER
 2. Have you tested positive in the last 10 days – If yes – Please DO NOT ENTER
 3. Have you been exposed to a COVID positive person? If yes – Please DO NOT ENTER

****However, if you have an urgent need to visit with a residents, please contact us to arrange a compassionate care visit.**
 - b. STAFF – will be requested to report IMMEDIATELY to their Direct Supervisor if they are having ANY symptoms, test positive or have been exposed to someone who is positive.
2. We will no longer need to do routine testing. **ONLY OUTBREAK TESTING when a staff member or resident test positive.**
3. The Facility reserves the right to ask residents and staff to test while investigating possible COVID-19 activity in a particular area.
4. **Employees who are not vaccinated (have an exception on file) are still required to test 2 times per week AND complete the infection control in-service on a quarterly basis.**
5. We no longer need to quarantine/isolate new admissions/readmissions to our building regardless of their vaccine status.
 - a. However, we will need to screen them to ask if they have been exposed to someone positive in the last 10 days.
6. Employees who test positive will still need to quarantine and be off work for a total of 10 Days.
7. Residents who test positive will still need to be placed in isolation for 10 Days. (Staff will be required to wear proper PPE when caring for positive residents)
8. **MASKS:**
 - a. As of 9/30/22 – Our County Transmission Rate is RED – requiring masks to continue to be worn at all times. We will update the signs at all entrances every Monday.
 - b. Masks will still be required for all Independent Living, Assisted Living and Health Center staff, residents and visitors when the County Transmission Rate is RED (High) for the safety of our staff, residents and visitors.
 - c. We will utilize the CDC Data Tracker to view, on a weekly basis, the county transmission rate. If the transmission rate is below RED for two straight weeks, masks will be optional for staff, residents and visitors.
 - d. There will be a sign on each entrance that determine the requirement for that week. The transmission rates will be checked every Monday morning and the sign will be updated accordingly. **PLEASE CHECK THE SIGNS WHEN YOU COME TO WORK OR WILL BE VISITING WITH US.**
 - e. Masks will ALWAYS be required:
 - i. When the Transmission Rate is RED (High)
 - ii. During an outbreak (one or more staff or residents test positive)
 - iii. On a Unit where we have someone in isolation for possible or confirmed COVID-19.