



TO: Mill Street Tenants & Family Members
FROM: Mick Siems, Director
DATE: May 12, 2021
RE: Visitation, Masking, and Social Distancing Updates

Dear Mill Street Tenants & Family Members,

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) have provided the following updated guidance related to visitation, masking and social distancing requirements in senior care settings due to vaccination status.

With regard to our tenants, the updated guidance now allows that source control (facemasks) are no longer required to be worn by tenants during meals and activities as long as everyone in the room is vaccinated. The same holds true for social distancing. All tenants are still required to wear masks when in the hallways. All staff are still required to wear masks when serving meals, leading activities, and/or having direct contact with our tenants.

With regard to visitors, source control continues to be required for visitors when entering our building and in the hallways. The new guidance does allow for fully-vaccinated visitors to remove their masks when in the privacy of a fully-vaccinated tenant's apartment. Unvaccinated visitors are allowed access to our building, though the wearing of masks must be maintained by them at all times, even when in the privacy of the tenant's apartment.

As a reminder, our main entrance is now open from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM every day. The weekly COVID testing that began last summer has been discontinued. We are now testing on an individual basis for any tenant or staff experiencing symptoms. If any of these test results come back positive, general visitation will be discontinued with only Essential Caregiver or Compassionate Care visits being allowed. At that point, outbreak testing of all tenants and staff will be re-initiated until we have at least one week of no positive results. Once we reach that point, general visitation will be allowed to resume.

As always, the health and well-being of both our staff and our tenants continues to be our highest priority. If you have any questions or concerns, you are invited to contact me at 218-736-8590. Thank you!