



January 12, 2022

Dear Residents and Employees,

Current positivity rates in Montgomery County have grown to nearly 30%. Approximately 95% of the cases are the Omicron variant. Those who are vaccinated, including the booster, are faring much better than the unvaccinated and non-boostered. Our local hospitals are near capacity with COVID positive cases, most of whom are not vaccinated. Clearly the vaccine and booster are making a difference in the severity of illness people are experiencing. As reported on last week's video update, we have mandated that all employees receive the booster by either January 25<sup>th</sup> or within two weeks of them becoming eligible based on the booster administration guidelines. All residents, with the exception of one, are fully vaccinated and have received the booster. We hosted our twenty-first vaccination clinic on-site yesterday where an additional forty employees received their booster shot. Another clinic is being held on Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> where employees will again have access to on-site vaccination boosters.

There have been a number of cases in both residents and employees over the past week. Fortunately, most are either asymptomatic or have mild symptoms, which can be directly attributed to the vaccine and boosters. There are currently eleven residents who have tested positive. Nine of the eleven residents are in Personal Care, one is in Independent Living, and one was admitted to Skilled Nursing from the hospital as positive. There are currently eleven employees of Waverly Heights and Waverly Care who are in quarantine due positive test results. All employees are either asymptomatic or have mild symptoms, with the exception of one Waverly Care employee who is currently in the hospital. Please keep that individual in your thoughts and prayers for a full and speedy recovery.

As a precautionary measure, we have closed group dining and programming in the Health Care Center. We have asked families of Health Care Center residents to strongly consider not visiting at this time. While we are not closed to visitors, we feel it is in the best interest of everyone to minimize the number of people entering the Health Care Center until the current wave of cases subsides. In Independent Living, with just one case, we continue to focus on physical safety as well as the social well-being of all residents. With that in mind, we will continue to allow fully vaccinated visitors in the Carlton Commons areas and will maintain in-person dining and small group programs. These guidelines may change based on case counts and staffing. All residents should strongly consider limiting their visitors to the community until the positivity rate in and around Montgomery County decreases.

Again, following the guidelines below are our best defense against becoming infected:

- Everyone should receive a booster.
- Limit visitation for the time being.
- Avoid large crowds, especially where vaccination status is unknown.
- Wear your facemask properly covering nose and mouth.

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- Strongly consider only surrounding yourself by people who have been vaccinated. Children over the age of 5 are eligible to be vaccinated, please check their vaccination status when deciding to visit.
- Practice social distancing as much as possible.
- Frequently wash your hands.

It is critical that if you feel sick or have been exposed to someone who has tested positive, please notify our Wellness Center immediately at extension 8746. COVID-19 testing can be completed on-site for those who are symptomatic.

As always, thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

Sincerely,



Thomas P. Garvin  
President & CEO