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**To:** All Residents in Health Care, Crestwood, Residential, Family Representatives and Staff

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**RE:** CHANGES ARE COMING

## Communal Dining

Starting with lunch this Friday, June 11, residents will be able to experience true communal dining again. Residents who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 will be able to sit at the same table with other residents who are fully vaccinated and enjoy the meal together.

Things to keep in mind:

- Hand washing/hand sanitizing upon entering and exiting the dining room is required.
- While eating, residents are asked to put their facemasks into provided paper bags and keep their bag either on the table or their walker. Staff will assist as needed.
- Masks are required to be worn when not eating, before and after the meal and while visiting with tablemates.
- Residents who are not fully vaccinated will continue to social distance during the meals from other residents.

## Activities

As long as all participants involved in an activity are fully vaccinated, residents may choose not to wear facemasks and sit closely together. If an unvaccinated person joins or participates, facemasks must be worn by everyone. Additionally, the unvaccinated person must physically distance at least 6 ft apart.

## Visitors

If all visitors for a resident are fully vaccinated, the group size is only limited by the resident's room or the visitation area; and facemasks may be removed during the visit. All visits still need to follow the core principles of infection prevention: hand hygiene, wearing facemask/covering properly over nose and mouth when heading to the designated area/room, as well as social distancing from other residents, staff and visitors. While vaccination of visitors and outdoor visits are preferred, these are not required. Regardless of vaccination status, visitors will be restricted from visiting based on their screening results, if they have current COVID infection, symptoms of COVID-19 or had prolonged contact with someone with COVID in the past 14 days or are in quarantine for any other reason.

Adjustments to any of the above measures will be made per ISDH guidelines during outbreak testing or during a time of new facility onset infection and in response to further changes.