



To: Timbercrest Residents and Families

From: Christy Huiras, Chief Operating Officer

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Re: Community Updates

It is good to see the decline in the community transmission rates for Indiana, Wabash County, and surrounding areas. With these changes and good experience here at Timbercrest, we are making some long-awaited changes. It is important to note these changes depend upon a resident's vaccination status as well as personal choice.

Vaccination Status

With the introduction of the COVID-19 vaccine booster dose, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently changed their terminology from "vaccinated" to the new terminology of "up to date."

"Up to date means a person has received all recommended doses in their primary series COVID-19 vaccine, and a booster dose when eligible."

Manor residents who are unsure of their own vaccination status may ask Timbercrest Nursing for that information.

Communal Dining and Activities / Facemasks

Manor residents who are up to date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses can choose to not wear facemasks in communal areas of the Manor. However, residents who are at increased risk for severe disease (or immunocompromised) should still consider continuing to practice physical distancing and use of facemasks. This change specifically affects community dining and group activities for Manor residents.

Beginning Monday, March 28th at the NOON meal, the Timbercrest dining rooms (Courtyard, Health Care, and Crestwood) will be set up for Manor residents, who are up to date on their vaccine, to sit with one another during meals. Manor residents meeting this criterion and wishing to dine together will want to plan accordingly. Those wishing to dine together with a visitor(s) in the dining room may do so if all residents chose. Lastly, dining time assignments made when the Courtyard Dining Room reopened no longer need to be observed.

For group activities, Manor residents may choose to not wear facemasks when up to date on their vaccines. Neighborhood Home residents participating in group activities will need to wear facemasks. Visitors from the outside community should not join resident activities.

Manor residents who are not up to date with all recommended doses of the COVID vaccine are not able to safely dine with others at the same table, or remove their facemask during group activities.

Facemasks need to be worn by all residents when walking through the hallways, sitting at the puzzle tables, and singing. Visitors are to continue to wear facemasks when in hallways and around other residents and healthcare staff (no change for visitors).

Indoor Visitation

Residents and visitors are encouraged to wear facemasks and physically distance as the safest practice, particularly if either of them is at risk for severe disease or are unvaccinated. If a resident and all their visitors are up to date with the COVID-19 vaccine doses, they can choose not to wear facemasks and to have physical contact. Visitors should wear facemasks when around other residents or healthcare providers, regardless of vaccination status. Outdoor visitation is always recommended when the weather and a resident's health permit.

Neighborhood Home Residents

Neighborhood Home residents continue to be considered visitors for the facemask and physical distance requirements. We continue to welcome Neighborhood Home residents in the Manor to participate in various aspects of Timbercrest life. Specific information as communicated in the March 4, 2022, communication. If you need a copy of that memo, please contact the Timbercrest office.

COVID-19 Transmission Risk Levels

Timbercrest has placed information boards in the main entrances to the Manor to inform visitors of important information related to COVID-19 risks at Timbercrest and surrounding area. This information allows visitors to make an informed decision about entering the Manor.

As always, we are grateful for the wonderful community of people that make Timbercrest a wonderful place for residents to call home.