



**To: Timbercrest Community**  
**From: Christy Huiras, Chief Operating Officer**  
**Date: December 9, 2022**  
**Re: Announcement – Infection Control Change**

Timbercrest's infection control team has been monitoring the increasing rates of COVID-19, influenza and RSV infections in Wabash County and surrounding areas. As indicated in our COVID-19 reports this week, those rising rates are now having an effect on infections among Timbercrest staff.

In the best interest of the Timbercrest community, Timbercrest will return to previous face mask policies for visitors and employees to keep ahead of illness at Timbercrest effective today, Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Visitors: All visitors to the Manor, including Neighborhood Home residents, are to wear a face covering while in the public areas and hallways.

Employees and Care Providers: Employees and care providers, who have been vaccinated for COVID-19 (primary series) and the flu, will return to wearing a surgical face mask (or higher quality). Those staff who are not vaccinated for COVID-19 or the flu will wear an N95.

Manor Residents: Manor residents will be able to self-determine use of face masks at this time. Immunocompromised individuals are encouraged to wear a face covering.

All individuals are encouraged to maintain good infection control practices of washing hands frequently and safe distances from others when possible. And, if anyone is experiencing illness, please stay home. Manor residents should always report any signs and symptoms of illness right away to their nurses' station to ensure prompt care.

There are not any changes to dining services and use of the Manor visiting spaces planned at this time. However, management will continue to monitor the situation and adjust as needed.

It is our wish that you and your families will be well through this holiday season.