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Dear Families,

As you are aware, Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) has lessened the restrictions regarding visitations in the Long Term Care setting during the Covid-19 Pandemic. It is exciting news, but guidelines continue to need to be followed. I am sending you this letter regarding those guidelines and would greatly appreciate it if you could pass the following information along to your family members who may want to come to the Care Center to visit your loved one.

- 1) Indoor and outdoor visitation will be conducted in a manner that reduces the risk of COVID-19 transmission as follows:
 - a. All visits must be scheduled in advance by calling 701-776-5455 ex 2208.
 - b. The facility will have no more than 2 visitors per resident for indoor visits and no more than 4 simultaneous visits (including indoor and outdoor visits) occurring at the same time. Indoor visits will be limited to 30-60 minutes depending on the area of visit.
 - c. Outdoor visits will have no more than 2 visitors per resident in the enclosed Gazebo, or up to 8 visitors per resident for true outdoor visits (with the approval of the IPCO, DON, or LSW). Outdoor visits will be limited to 30 minutes.
 - d. Car rides will be allowed as long as mask wearing, hand hygiene, and social distancing as able is followed. The vehicle will have no more than 2 passengers in addition to the resident. Visitors will be educated on not visiting public places such as restaurants or retail stores to minimize the chance of exposure.
 - e. The facility will allow visitations for all residents (regardless of vaccination status), except for a few circumstances when visitation should be limited (e.g. outbreak status).
 - f. Visitors will wear face masks and physically distance from all other residents, staff, and other visitors and complete hand hygiene before and after visit/contact with resident.
 - g. If the resident and their visitors are fully vaccinated, while alone in the resident's room or designated visitation room, the resident and their visitor(s) can choose to have close contact (including touch) and to not wear face masks.
 - h. If either the resident or their visitors are not fully vaccinated, everyone will maintain physical distancing and wear face masks. However, if the resident is fully vaccinated, they can choose to have close contact (including touch) with their unvaccinated visitor(s) while both continue to wear a well fitted face mask and complete hand hygiene before and after touch.
 - i. If a resident shares a room and an in-room visit occurs (e.g., resident unable to leave the room), the roommate should not be present during the visit. If neither resident is able to leave the room, the facility will attempt to enable in-room visitation maintaining infection prevention and control practices.

Please call if you have any questions. Thank you for helping us keep your loved ones safe!

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