



The Williamsport Home

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Dear Friends and Families,

We cannot stress enough the importance of vaccinations to curb the spread of COVID-19's Delta variant. They are a matter of safety as well as compliance with the federal government's plan to mandate vaccines for health care workers at Medicare and Medicaid facilities.

Nationwide, the median nursing home staff vaccination rate has hovered at around 64%, according to recent federal statistics. About 84% of residents are vaccinated. Web users may search for vaccination rates at nursing homes near them on CMS's Care Compare site through [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov).

The addition of this new consumer-friendly data feature is a valuable tool for patients, residents, and families to understand the quality of nursing homes when making health care decisions

Booster shots are the next step in the continuing COVID battle and are currently subject to authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Learn more about vaccine facts vs. myths with a downloadable PDF, blog and video blog, which are linked from our website's COVID-19 page.

Visitations are being monitored and controlled based on the [CDC's county view data tracker](#).

We are following guidance from [\(CDC\)](#), [Department of Health \(DOH\)](#) and [CMS](#) as well as the latest [COVID-19 infection control guidance](#) with relation to its impact on our residents and visitors. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with our masking and social distancing protocols for our facility. Our utmost priority is to protect the residents and staff and their families.

Number of cases	Our Facility's Resident Impact (May 15, 2020, through September 30, 2021):
0	ADMISSIONS: Residents admitted or readmitted who were previously hospitalized and treated for COVID-19
3	CONFIRMED: Residents with new laboratory positive COVID-19
0	SUSPECTED: Residents with new suspected COVID-19
2	Confirmed: Staff with new positive COVID-19
2	TOTAL DEATHS: Residents who died in the facility or another location
2	COVID-19 DEATHS: Residents with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19 who died in the facility or another location.

As always, we appreciate that you entrust us with the care of your loved ones. We take very seriously our responsibility for your loved one's safety and well-being. If you have any questions, we are always available for you. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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