

The Williamsport Home

November 19, 2021

Dear friends and families,

The following is the COVID update for The Williamsport Home. This information is very fluid and could change at any moment. As always, we will keep you informed as new information is received.

We continue to stress the importance of vaccinations to curb the spread of COVID-19. 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. Currently 100% of our residents and staff are vaccinated, although a few may have only received the 1st dose of a two-dose series. When these individuals are eligible, we will provide them with their 2nd dose. Booster shots are another measure we are using to prevent COVID outbreaks in our facility and currently all our eligible residents have received their booster shots.

Our visitation processes are being monitored and controlled based on CMS guidelines. The guidance for visitation in skilled nursing facilities changed over the past week. As such, we have changed our visitation protocols and are excited to share that you will no longer need to preschedule visits with your loved one. We do, however, need to continue to follow the visitation and infection control guidelines as forth by CMS. Attached is a list of the expectations for all of our visitors to ensure we are following CMS guidelines and keeping our residents safe. These expectations are also posted throughout our facility for your reference.

Finally, we continue to provide group activities and communal dining for our residents while our building is free of a COVID outbreak. However, because of the requirement that visitors not be around other residents and staff when in the facility, we respectfully ask that you not participate in these activities at present. To do so, would prevent us from adhering to these social distancing expectations.

Number of cases	This table demonstrates data from November 12, 2021 through November 19, 2021.
0	ADMISSIONS: Residents admitted or readmitted who were previously hospitalized and treated for COVID-19
2	CONFIRMED: Residents with new laboratory positive COVID-19
0	SUSPECTED: Residents with new suspected COVID-19
0	Confirmed: Staff with new positive COVID-19
0	TOTAL DEATHS: Residents who died in the facility or another location
1	COVID-19 DEATHS: Residents with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19 who died in the facility or another location.

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

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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