



Advancing the Art of Living.

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Dear Family Member,

The long awaited updated guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health arrived yesterday. Here are the key points for you to know:

- 1. Visiting in an elder's room or apartment is still just one person at a time and by appointment. However, if you and your loved one are both fully vaccinated you may remove your masks and touch is permitted. Social distancing is still required.**
- 2. Visiting an elder outside, if you and anyone with you as well as the elder, are fully vaccinated, you may remove your masks. Social distancing is still required.**
- 3. You may now eat with your loved one outside as well as in their room or apartment. On the Rockleigh campus, you may purchase food items from Carl's Place if you like. However, you may not eat in Carl's Place at this time. You must take the food outside or to the elder's room.**
- 4. If elders are in programs with our staff and everyone there is fully vaccinated, they may remove their masks as well. Social distancing is still required.**
- 5. Regular COVID testing is no longer required for individuals who are vaccinated unless there is an outbreak within the facility. We will only be testing anyone who is not vaccinated and, of course, anyone who is symptomatic.**
- 6. We are permitted to bring fully vaccinated volunteers back into our buildings and will be developing protocols to ensure that happens safely and effectively.**
- 7. We will continue to screen everyone who enters the building. You must wear a facemask when you arrive and at any point that you are not sitting with your loved one. If you are not vaccinated, you may not remove your facemask.**

Here are the elements that have not changed:

- 1. You must make an appointment for a visit unless you have been told that, because**

of compassionate care, you may visit without an appointment. Please use the online scheduling system and please make your appointment 24 hours or more in advance.

Jewish Home at Rockleigh (Rehab and Long Term Care): <https://www.jewishhomefamily.org/jhr/scheduler/>
Jewish Home Assisted Living (River Vale): <https://www.jewishhomefamily.org/jhal/scheduler/>

We continue with our policy of one visit per elder per day, excluding compassionate care circumstances.

2. Please do not switch visitors for an appointment without informing us in advance. This becomes an issue for contact tracing in the event that we need to do so.
3. Please be sure to come at your scheduled time. With outdoor visits there is limited space available and when visitors are late or early there may not be space available and/or it may compromise the length of your visit.
4. If you are visiting an elder in their room or apartment, only one person may visit.
5. For an outdoor visit, one visitor may come in and bring their loved one outside where two additional visitors may join them.
6. All visitors must sign an informed consent each time they visit.
7. No visitors under the age of 2 are permitted.
8. Visitors may only be outside or in the elder's room or apartment. They may not wander the halls, sit in public areas or take their loved one on walks around the buildings. We know this is frustrating but this is a regulation.
9. There may be times when you are asked to leave the room when our staff is providing care or therapy. Please comply with these requests to allow your loved one to receive the care or treatment that they need.
10. You may bring pets for outdoor visits.
11. You may take your loved one out for an appointment, a visit or a meal. Informed consent forms are available on both campuses. For elders who are fully vaccinated, there is no quarantine requirement upon their return.
12. **If you learn, following a visit, that you have been exposed to someone who tested positive you must inform us immediately to allow us to test the elder and determine if there are other elders and staff who will require additional testing and monitoring. If you have symptoms yourself, please isolate at home, contact your healthcare provider and notify us immediately.**

We continue to focus on infection control, including wearing facemasks, practicing social distancing, handwashing and ongoing cleaning and sanitizing. We encourage our staff to exercise the utmost care in their personal lives and we urge you to do the same.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions.

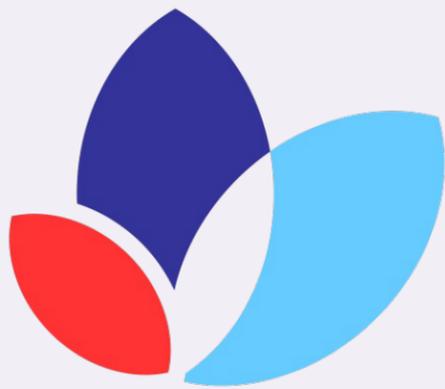
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