



February 25, 2021

To Our Residents and Family Members:

Thank you for all your continued support to our residents and staff during this pandemic. I have great news, but with a caveat. Recently the Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) moved our county to Yellow, with regard to the COVID-19 positivity rate. We also are nearing our 14 day window with no positive COVID-19 tests. The great news is that we will be able to open our doors for indoor visitation starting on Monday March 1st. The caveat is that should the positivity rate in our county increase to a level that forces CMS to return us to the RED category or we have a positive COVID-19 test, we would once again have to close our doors to indoor visitation at the Health Care Center.

Brethren Care Village Health Care Center will accommodate and support indoor visitation, including visits beyond compassionate care situations, based on the following guidelines:

- There has been no onset of COVID-19 cases in the last 14 days and the facility is not currently conducting outbreak testing;
- Visitors are able to adhere to the core principles
 - a. Visitors must be screened prior to entry. **Visitors that fail to pass the screen will not be admitted for the visit.**
 - b. Visitors and residents will wear surgical masks and maintain 6 feet of distance for the entire visit. Children under the age of 2 or those that are unable to wear a mask for the duration of the visit will not be able to visit at this time
 - c. If a resident is in room quarantine, visitation is suspended
 - d. Visitation is by appointment only
 - i. Contact: The front desk of the Health Care Center between the hours of 8:00am and 3:30pm Monday through Friday
 - ii. Scheduled at least 24 hours in advance
 - iii. Brethren Care Village will provide written education with regard to COVID-19 and the visitor will sign off upon receipt.
 - iv. Each visitor will sign in and out at the kiosk in advance and following each visit
 - v. There will be no eating or drinking during the visit, and all visitors must depart prior to meal service
- The number of visitors will be limited to 2 visitors per resident

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- We will start with 1 visit per resident per week and gradually increase the number of visits in the days to come.
- Visitors will be scheduled for a specified period of time to help ensure all residents are able to receive visitors: at this time the visits will be limited to 25 minutes.
- Visitors will be limited to the designated visitation area.
- Visitation hours will be:
 - Monday-Friday 9:30am-11:30am and 1:30pm-4:00pm
- If these times don't work with your schedule, remember that virtual visits are available and also window visits.

We look forward to opening our doors and starting indoor visitation! A few things you can do to ensure that we are able to continue indoor visitation and eventually "normal" visitation would include:

1. Wear a mask. Wear a mask any time you leave your house, even if you're social distancing from others. Masks should cover you mouth and nose.
2. Social Distance and avoid crowds. Stay at least 6 feet away from anyone who does not live in your household.
3. Stay home if you are sick. Even if you think it's just a cold or just the flu, stay home.
4. Get vaccinated when it is your turn. As more people get vaccinated, fewer get sick
5. Spread the word, not the virus. Educate others on the steps above and why it is important for us all to do our part. This virus is everyone's problem and we all have a responsibility in the solution.

For more information on COVID-19 and how to protect yourself and others, go to:

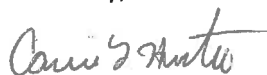
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

For updated information regarding cases and visitation information please visit the Brethren Care Village website COVID 19 link. Our regulations and guidelines are changing frequently and this is the fastest way to get the information to you.

Brethren Care Village Health Care Center will continue with compassionate care visits that align with the residents needs.

We look forward to seeing you in person very soon!

Sincerely,



Carrie Harpster
Administrator