

March 11, 2021

To: Our Charles River Center Community

From: Anne-Marie Bajwa/CEO

The Charles River Center Visitation Policy is amended as follows effective March 13, 2021.

I am pleased to inform you that March 13<sup>th</sup> marks the two-week period after most Charles River Center residents received the COVID-19 vaccine. According to the CDC, two weeks after receiving the second vaccine people are better protected from getting the coronavirus but not completely immune. The vaccinated person can also spread the virus if exposed. Therefore, we still need to exercise the same safe precautions that we have been practicing throughout the pandemic such as safe distancing, wearing masks, and hand hygiene.

On Monday, the CDC updated their guidance for fully vaccinated people. In summary, fully vaccinated people can visit with other fully vaccinated people, indoors without wearing a mask or physical distancing. Fully vaccinated people can also visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are low risk for severe COVID-19 disease, indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing.

Fully vaccinated people should continue to wear masks and social distance when out in public and avoid medium and large-sized gatherings.

Most of our residents have been vaccinated, but not all therefore we still require wearing masks and social distancing when visitors come to the residence.

**Our visitation policy is largely the same with two exceptions.**

- 1. We will no longer require testing for residents to return the residence after an overnight visit with family.**
- 2. The length of in-residence visits is extended.**

Our visitation policy is as follows:

1. No visitations to or from a home that is under quarantine.
2. Visitation is limited to immediate family members at this time.
3. **Overnight Visits-** Overnight visitation is permitted. When the following protocols are followed.
  - a. Arrangements are made in advance.
  - b. Screening will occur at the residence if you enter the residence for any reason.
  - c. Families who want to have their family member visit their home must complete the Attestation Form and list of potential people that the person will encounter.
4. **In-residence Visits-** Visiting your family member in their residence is permitted, when they following protocols are followed:
  - a. Arrangements are made in advance.

- b. Screening will occur at the entrance by staff.
  - c. Limited to no more than two hours per visit.
  - d. Limited to no more than two visitors at a time.
  - e. Masks are to be worn at all times.
  - f. Do not share food, drink, or utensils.
  - g. Visits with co-residents is limited.
  - h. Visits will occur in an area away from other residents.
  - i. Practice social distancing and hand hygiene.
5. **Outdoor Visits-** Outdoor visits are encouraged weather permitted.
- a. Arrangements are made in advance.
  - b. Screening will occur at the residence.
  - c. Masks are to be worn at all times.
  - d. Do not share food, drinks or utensils.
  - e. Practice social distancing and hand hygiene.

For additional information please call the Residential Management Team involved with your family member's home or contact Eric Scharf at [escharf@charlesrivercenter.org](mailto:escharf@charlesrivercenter.org) Charles River Center reserves the right to change this procedure based on current CDC guidance.

Stay safe,

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President and CEO