



September 14, 2021

Dear Family Member,

I wanted to give you a quick COVID update for the Extended Care Facility. As you may know, the COVID positivity rate is on the rise. Unfortunately, Madison County is no different. According to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), our positivity rate has reached 6%. Last week, we began testing our unvaccinated staff weekly as per the CMS guidance. We currently remain COVID free.

In-person visitation continues to go well. I want to remind all visitors to abide by our visitor guidelines and adhere to our infection control practices, including wearing a mask at all times. I continue to encourage you to be COVID tested prior to your visit even though it is not required. I will also encourage you to get vaccinated if you have not already done so. COVID testing is offered at our Quick Care.

As of September 27, 2021, all nursing home employees are mandated to have received the first dose of the vaccine. We currently have about 15% of our employees who have still not received the vaccine and have received several resignations as a result of the mandate. In the last couple of weeks, we have increased the frequency of our nurse aide training classes in order to supplement for the employees we expect to leave. We are doing all we can to prevent this from effecting us in too much of a negative way. Unfortunately, we stand to lose some really great employees over the mandate.

We are in the final preparations of rolling out “How’s Mom” application, in order to offer families the opportunity to review your loved one’s clinical chart. You will be hearing more about this as we obtain resident/family consent to go live with the use of the app.

Sincerely,

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Administrator