



MORNINGSIDE CENTER

NURSING HOME AND ASSISTED LIVING APARTMENTS

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November 18, 2021

Dear Residents, Family Members, Responsible Parties,

I realize a newsletter just went out on Tuesday, November 16th, but it has become necessary to address several issues regarding the following of core COVID Infection Control principles by visitors and staff.

A resident of Morningside Center has been exposed to COVID-19. The resident and those they have been associating with are not having any symptoms and are being tested based on guidelines. Due to this, it is necessary to go over the guidelines again.

Guidelines are driven by the county's COVID 19 transmission level. Currently, Livingston County vacillates between substantial and high. What does this mean to you and the residents of Morningside Center? It means the core principles of infection prevention must be followed. No one likes these guidelines; however, regardless of your opinion of the guidelines, Morningside Center is mandated to ensure they are followed. The guidelines are for everyone regardless of one's vaccination status. When visiting a resident in either the Assisted Living Apartments or in the Nursing Home, please practice the following guidelines:

- Visitors and staff must wear face coverings or masks
- Visitors must practice social distancing
- Everyone must practice good hand hygiene by using hand sanitizer or washing hands with soap and water
- Visitors must take their temperature. If your temperature is 99 degrees or above, please leave the facility and return at a different time for the visit.
- DO NOT VISIT OR TAKE A RESIDENT OUT OF THE FACILITY IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL. You may think you have allergies, sinus issues, typical cold, etc., but if you are experiencing not feeling well, please do not expose a resident and/or residents.
- Everyone must complete a screening of their own temperature upon entering either the assisted living apartments or the nursing home
- Visitors upon entering either facility must complete a contact tracing form (the yellow forms) located at the check-in stations at the entrances of the assisted living apartments and nursing home.
- The contact tracing forms are part of the COVID regulatory guidelines and must be filled out in full for any person whom the resident has contact with while out of the facility.
- PLEASE NOTE: ANYONE NOT FOLLOWING THESE RULES WILL BE ASKED TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES AND IF THE VISITOR INSISTS ON NOT FOLLOWING THE RULES, THEY WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE FACILITY AND WILL BE RESTRICTED FROM VISITING.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR RESIDENTS SAFE AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE VISITORS, AND GO OUT OF THE FACILITY FOR VISITS BY ABIDING BY THESE GUIDELINES.

Beginning today, Thursday, November 18, 2021, the front door of the Assisted Living Apartments will remain locked, and visitors will have to ring the doorbell and wait until an employee can respond to admit visitors. Please be patient with staff responding to the door. Visiting hours remain the same: from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

At this time, the nursing home front door will be open during visiting hours.

We have been asked whether we could transport a resident to an individual's home for holiday events. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide that service.

As always if you have questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Sweets".

Joan Sweets
Administrator