

September 10, 2021

Dear Samaritan Summit Village families,

As our region's COVID-19 positivity rate continues to rise, we must make the difficult decision to limit family visitation for our residents' safety. We do this out of an abundance of caution, knowing we have hundreds of visitors coming through our doors each week. Since we have had a few positive staff cases in our facilities recently, we feel this is a prudent decision.

Effective Monday, September 13, all visitation at Samaritan Summit Village – Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living – will be limited to the hours of 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 2:00-4:00 p.m., seven days a week.

All visits must be limited to one hour, and all visitors must remain masked at all times. We ask anyone to refrain from visiting a loved one if they recently traveled out of state or have any symptoms, no matter how mild. All screening protocols will remain in place. We expect families to abide by these new rules and use the honor system to help us limit the number of visitors in the facility.

Assisted Living residents have been made aware of these restrictions and asked to limit their community exposure as well. The following restrictions must now be followed:

- ANY resident going out of the facility for other than medical appointments and/or testing will need to self-restrict (quarantine) to their room for 10 days if vaccinated or 14 days if not vaccinated. The resident will not be able to participate in activities or have visitors during this time. Meals will be delivered to their room. COVID-19 testing will be done as per policy.
- We strongly encourage residents consider delaying visits, shopping or unnecessary outings for the next 4-6 weeks.

We appreciate your patience during this time, as we do our best to keep residents, staff and visitors safe. We are confident that, once the situation stabilizes locally, we can restore visitation to prior status. As always, thank you for allowing us to care for your loved ones.

Sincerely,

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