



COLONIAL LODGE

Assisted Living & Alzheimer's Care

May 7, 2021

Dear Residents, Families & Friends,

We are excited to share news with you about community and visitation changes at Colonial Lodge Assisted Living & Memory Care that will take effect **Monday, May 10, 2021!** Dining room and Activity changes are reflective of the newest CDC guidance that must be followed by HHSC and all Assisted Living Communities.

1. **Dining Rooms are now OPEN!** Residents may enjoy three meals per day in their respective dining room.
 - Vaccinated Residents – Do not have to wear a facemask in the dining room. Do not have to social distance.
 - Unvaccinated Residents – Must wear a facemask while in the dining room, except while eating. Must socially distance 6 feet from other residents.
 - Residents are expected to attend all meals in the Dining Room, if they wish to eat in their room, they may pick up their meal from the Kitchen and carry it to their room. Residents who receive meal delivery to their room will be charged a level of care for this service.
2. **Activities –**
 - Vaccinated Residents – Do not have to wear a facemask during activities, whether indoor or outdoor. Do not have to social distance.
 - Unvaccinated Residents – Must wear a facemask while participating in activities regardless of whether indoor or outdoor. Must socially distance 6 feet from other residents.
3. **Outdoor & Indoor Visitation Guidelines for Colonial Lodge and Lodge of Colonial residents**, as approved by Department of Health and Human Services for our Community:
 - **Visits may be scheduled 24 hours in advance for visitation occurring Tuesday through Friday 9am until 6pm**
 - **We will now offer visitation occurring Saturday and Sunday 10am until 2pm. These visits MUST be scheduled no later than 4:00pm on the preceding Friday.**
 - **Scheduling standing appointments are strongly encouraged. We can/will schedule standing appointments for each calendar month.**
 - **Visit length is unlimited**
 - **No more than 4 (four) visitors at any given time, per resident**
 - All visitors that will be present for the visit must be on the schedule
 - All visitors & residents must wear a N95 or surgical facemask for the duration of the visit
4. **Outdoor & Indoor Visitation Guidelines for TenderCare residents**, as approved by Department of Health and Human Services for our Community:
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- All visitors that will be present for the visit must be on the schedule
- No more than 2 (two) visitors at any given time, per resident
- **Visits limited to 1 hour in length**
- All visitors must wear a N95 or surgical facemask for the duration of the visit

The following rules and regulations determined by the Department of Health and Human Services for our Community remain **unchanged** at this time:

- All visitors must be screened per CDC guidelines and Community rules.
- All visitors **MUST** wear a surgical or N95 mask at all times during visits, and it is the responsibility of the visitor to provide their mask.
- Facemasks must cover both the nose and mouth for the duration of the time the visitor is on Community property whether outdoors or indoors
- Visitors must remain in the designated visitation area, social distancing at least 6 feet away from other residents and staff.
- Visitors must utilize hand sanitizer or hand washing before and after visitation.
- Residents must wear a facemask for the duration of every visit, with the mask covering the nose and mouth.
- We reserve the right to cancel scheduled visits due to, but not limited to, weather conditions, outside temperatures, staffing issues, etc.
- All first-time visitors must present a valid photo ID when completing infection control and visitation training.

We have dedicated staff who are assigned to execute all aspects of visitation appropriately, and your patience and understanding of the need to sanitize between visits and complete all pertinent paperwork is crucial. We are expanding visitation days and times as allowed per the Emergency Rule Adoptions Preamble by Health and Human Services; however, we must take into consideration the safety of our residents and staff.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to schedule an appointment to meet with me at (903) 454-6636 or by email: ED.ColonialLodge@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Malynda Poarch
Executive Director