



## COLONIAL LODGE

*Assisted Living &  
Alzheimer's Care*

July 26, 2021

Dear Residents, Families & Friends:

As many of you have heard, the number of COVID-19 positive individuals is increasing at an alarming rate within our area. Additionally, we have received information from Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) that indicates within the last seven (7) days, assisted living communities across the state of Texas have increased their COVID-19 positive residents by **600%**! (*That is not a typo – 600%!*)

In addition, we have received guidance from Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) that due to Hunt County and the surrounding area(s) having an increased number of COVID-19 positive individuals, we must alter our facemask protocols across our community.

**Beginning Tuesday, July 27, 2021, the following individuals will be required to wear a facemask (surgical mask, KN95 or N95 mask):**

- All **un**vaccinated residents must wear a surgical mask, KN95 or N95 facemask at all times when outside their apartment. They may remove their mask to eat meals. This excludes TenderCare residents, who are not required, nor expected, to wear a facemask at any time, per HHSC guidelines.
- All **un**vaccinated Colonial Lodge Assisted Living & Memory Care employees must wear a surgical mask,, KN95 or N95 facemask at all times during their working hours.
- All visitors, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a surgical mask, KN95 or N95 facemask at all times. All visitors must supply their own surgical or N95 facemask at the time of visits. ***Please note, per HHSC, we are not allowed to request vaccination status; therefore, all visitors (healthcare partners & family, friends, etc.) will be subject to this rule.***
- All facemasks must cover the nose and mouth at all times.

We appreciate your continued support and patience of ongoing COVID-19 policy and procedure changes that affect our community. It is our greatest desire to protect your loved ones from this virus and your help is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach me at (903) 454-6636 or [ED.ColonialLodge@gmail.com](mailto:ED.ColonialLodge@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Malynda Poarch  
Executive Director