



Christmas Holiday Update

Dear Residents/Families/Friends,

With Christmas and New Year's Eve around the corner, we would like to send you and your loved ones the warmest of holiday wishes. We know how difficult it is to celebrate this time of year without the same traditions we have all grown accustomed to, but with the COVID-19 vaccine becoming a reality in the very near future, we are more hopeful than ever that 2021 will bring happier and safer times for everyone.

As always, we are extremely grateful that you have entrusted your loved ones to our care and we are making every effort to provide our residents with wonderful holidays. Our Activity Department will deliver the residents gifts on Christmas Eve and will bring dessert and eggnog to the residents room on Christmas day.

All holiday visits will need to be scheduled in advance. The indoor visitation guidelines are as follows:

- a) **The facility will schedule visits with time limits to allow all residents to receive visitors.**
- b) **Visitors will be required to have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of their visit.**
- c) The facility may not have any new onset of COVID-19 cases in the last 14 days and cannot be conducting outbreak testing.
- d) The facility will ensure that visitors adhere to core principles to include children.
- e) The facility will limit the number of visitors per resident and the number of visitors allowed in the facility at one time based on the size of the facility.
- f) The facility will schedule visits with time limits to allow all residents to receive visitors.
- g) The facility will limit movement of visitors; to include direct routes to designated visitation area.
- h) The facility will not conduct visitation in shared rooms unless the resident cannot leave the room due to health status. In that event the facility will ensure adherence to core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention.
- i) The facility will monitor their county positivity rate as additional information to determine indoor visitation. The facilities that are in low (<5%) and medium (5%-10%) should conduct visitation according to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention and facility policies beyond compassionate care visits. Those facilities that are in high (>10%) should only conduct for compassionate care situations according to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention and facility policies.

- j) The facility may monitor other factors that increase COVID-19 risk levels to include: rates of COVID-19 like illnesses, visits to the emergency department, or positivity rate of a county adjacent to the county where the nursing home is located.

As a reminder, our cumulative number of cases to date are as follows: 34 residents and 31 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. Our regular weekly updates will resume next week and we will continue to update you on our website if we receive notifications of new confirmed cases of COVID-19. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us directly.

On behalf of the entire staff at Fairfield Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, I wish you a happy and safe Christmas.

Sincerely,

Charles Woodberry, MS., LNAHA