



May 5, 2021

Dear Residents and Families,

I hope this May brings us all many flowers as we are starting it off with our share of showers. Everything is blooming here on campus and it is quite beautiful!

Late last week we received a new wave of COVID-related regulatory guidance for our health care center, personal care, and assisted lifestyles levels of care within our community. The new guidance has some relaxed restrictions based on vaccination status. Because we are a continuing care community, we have many areas of our campus that the new guidance does not apply to. Any public spaces on our campus must follow the Centers for Disease Control and Governor Wolf's recommendations for the general public in non-health care settings.

We realize it can be confusing to follow different guidance based on what section of the community you are in. We will work to keep everyone informed as the guidance is updated and changes occur.

I share with you below a brief update of COVID and reopening activity for each level of care on our campus.

### ***Assisted Lifestyles***

Our assisted lifestyles community is COVID free and has resumed normal operations.

Residents have resumed daily activity, groups and community dining. The guidance now allows our fully vaccinated residents to enjoy dining and socializing with friends. They are now able to sit together without a mask. This has added much joy to the community and many are celebrating.

Friends and family may schedule visits and outings by contacting Mandi Cottle, our Director of Assisted Lifestyles at (814) 793-1303.

### ***Health Care Center and Waterside Personal Care***

The new regulatory guidance has brought joy to residents and coworkers as they are able to enjoy all the things they love about living at Homewood. Our fully vaccinated residents are able to socialize together during meals and activities and the communication is much improved without masks. Everyone is thrilled to be able to see smiles again and facial expressions add so much to their conversations.

Indoor and outdoor scheduled visits continue with friends and family. We ask that each visitor follow the core principles for safety during visits. Education sheets on the core safety principals are provided at our screening station when arriving for visitation.

### ***Independent Living***

Our independent living community will follow the current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and orders from Governor Wolfe for all of our public spaces. At this time, masking will be required in all of our indoor public spaces including the Bice Memorial Chapel and Givler Cultural Center and the community center.

We did receive notification that Governor Wolf plans to eliminate all COVID restrictions except masking on May 31, 2021. This will ease restrictions in our public areas.

A detailed independent living update with specific information about the current protocols as they relate to activities and to our community spaces will be provided to residents this week.

Wishing you all the very best!

Sincerely,



Lisa Defibaugh