

Date: May 14, 2021

To: All Residents and Staff,

Homewood Retirement Centers remains committed to the containment and mitigation of COVID-19 and we continue to follow the guidelines and requirements from local, state and federal authorities. On May 13, 2021, the CDC issued guidance that physical distancing and masks are no longer required for fully vaccinated persons indoors and outdoors. Despite these recommendations, some states and local governments have stricter standards that we must follow.

The CDC is still recommending that people wear masks and practice physical distancing in certain places such as long-term care facilities, doctor's offices, and hospitals; or when they travel by bus, plane, train, or other mode of public transportation; while they are in transportation hubs, such as airports and bus stations; and when they are at a prison, jail or homeless shelter.

Please know that we are still interpreting this guidance, but wanted to ensure we provide some initial communication and direction. As such, this is guidance is subject to change as it becomes more clear. What does this mean for Homewood Retirement Centers?

PENNSYLVANIA

Independent Living

- For fully vaccinated people, masks are not required in outdoor and most indoor settings and physical distancing is not required.
- For unvaccinated people, masks are still required in outdoor and indoor settings and physical distancing guidelines are required.
- Each person is still responsible for their own safety and if you are unsure of the vaccination status of others or have health concerns, then you may continue to wear a mask and practice physical distancing.
- Independent Living residents and visitors that enter any assisted living or healthcare setting, or other designated area, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, **MUST** wear a mask and physically distance.

Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing

- Fully vaccinated residents may have group activities and dine together without masks or physical distancing as long as everyone is fully vaccinated; masks and physical distancing is required under all other circumstances.
- Unvaccinated residents must continue to physically distance and wear masks.

MARYLAND

- The state's indoor mask mandate remains in place for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people at all care levels.
- For outdoor areas, except for crowded gatherings, masks are no longer required in the state of Maryland.

CO-WORKERS

- For all levels of care, co-workers are required to wear face coverings and other necessary PPE as appropriate indoors and outdoors regardless of vaccination status and must follow physical distancing guidelines.

Please know that we cannot inform anyone of a person's vaccine status whether a co-worker or a resident. This is protected health information.

Thank you for your continued patience and compliance as we get through this pandemic together.