

EMERGENCY MEMORANDUM

TO: Families, Residents and Friends
FROM: Mark L. Koblenz, CEO
Daughters of Sarah Senior Community
DATE: November 24, 2020
RE: Thanksgiving Outside Social Visits

I did not plan on having to send 2 notices to you today. However, we have received last minute instructions from Governor Cuomo and the NYS Department of Health that we are required to share with you. As we have previously expressed, the State is, in no uncertain terms, requesting that no nursing home or assisted living residents leave the buildings for year-end Holiday social visits with family.

In accordance with the newly released rules, please note that residents leaving the facility for family or home visits (other than for medical visits) must:

- Quarantine or minimize contact while out to the extent possible prior to a return to the facility.
- Procure a negative COVID-19 test within 24 hours prior to returning to the facility. *(The resident is not allowed to return to the facility without such a test result. We note that the rules do not make a distinction between residents leaving for a few hours or for days; a negative test is required in every instance.)*
- Quarantined for 14 days upon return to the facility. *(As we have previously indicated, given our internal policies and space limitations, this quarantine will most likely occur in the resident's regular room.)*
- Be tested for COVID-19 no less than three (3) times during the facility 14-day quarantine.

Also, the resident, and any family member or friend accompanying a resident, must sign a written attestation that they: are aware of the risks of leaving the facility; will follow masking, social distancing, and hand hygiene practices; will notify us if the resident becomes ill within a week of leaving the facility; will notify us if anyone who was with the resident tests positive or shows symptoms of COVID-19 or flu within 14 days of the resident's return to the facility; and will quarantine (or assist the resident to quarantine) prior to returning. (A sample Attestation is attached.)

We all recognize the joy of being with loved ones at Holiday times; however, we must also recognize the jeopardy to everyone on our campus if the virus spreads. Together, as a community, we must take every step we can to minimize exposure to any of our residents. We implore those of you still considering a social visit with your loved one out of the building– please do not put your loved one, and everyone else, at risk.