

MEMORANDUM

TO: Residents, Families and Friends
FROM: Mark L. Koblenz, CEO
DATE: February 18, 2021
RE: Campus Update

I am writing to bring you current on circumstances at the Daughters of Sarah Community for Seniors Campus.

We are pleased to note that, since we last wrote to you, there have been no new instances of either resident or staff members testing positive for COVID-19.

Our vaccine clinics have progressed smoothly. All residents who have requested the vaccine, and were medically eligible to receive it, have been vaccinated. We are also continuing to vaccinate staff members.

Noting that vaccine distribution is accelerating, a number of our families have asked if visitation with residents is now possible. Please remember that facilities such as Daughters of Sarah are required to follow the directives of the NYS Department of Health. These requirements tend to be stricter than the guidance provided to the general public, or even the guidance provided by the CDC.

Unfortunately, most of the DOH regulations applicable to us have not yet been changed. Visitors are still not allowed into the facility. In-person visitation can only occur if a facility has been free of COVID cases or positive test results affecting either residents or staff for at least 14 consecutive days. As of today, our campus has not yet passed that requisite 14-day horizon.

We will still accommodate requests for virtual visits with residents. Additionally, window visits remain possible. However, with respect to the scheduling of window visits, given the prevalence of ice and snow around the buildings, for everyone's safety, we do reserve the right to postpone these visits due to inclement weather. (As you must realize, we are unable to clear snow and ice from the outside of every window. We will schedule visits for areas where snow can be cleared. We also ask that you be cautious when driving on the plowed area around the Nursing & Rehabilitation Center; it is a gravel fire access route, not a paved roadway. It does make a complete circle around the building; so, if you use it, you do not need to turn your vehicles around to exit.)

As always, should you have any questions that we have not answered here, please do not hesitate to contact your loved one's social worker.