

MEMORANDUM

TO: Daughters of Sarah Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Families and Residents
FROM: Mark L. Koblenz, CEO
DATE: February 25, 2021
RE: Visitation Update #2

Good Evening.

We are extremely heart-warmed by the volume of families who have requested visitation appointments for next week. We look forward to welcoming each of you.

As you realize, addressing all of the circumstances surrounding, and generated by, the COVID pandemic has proven challenging. I ask for your patience and consideration as we work through the most effective ways to ensure that your visits are productive, compliant with State regulations, and safe for all involved.

With that in mind, we have re-visited the circumstance of COVID testing. The Department of Health is strongly encouraging nursing facilities to confirm that all visitors produce a negative COVID test which has been procured within 72 hours prior to a visit. Our county positivity rate is near to the 5% threshold; we do not want to have to deny visits if the CDC statistical analysis changes.

Accordingly, we are going to require that you provide us with proof of a negative COVID-19 test performed within 72 hours of your visit. Arrangements for testing can be made as follows:

State University of New York at Albany on Washington Avenue, Albany.

Appointments can be made by calling **(888) 364-3065**. To our understanding, appointments are available on weekdays and Saturdays. This facility offers PCR COVID tests at no charge, the results of which take about 24 to 36 hours (depending upon their volume).

WellNow Urgent Care Centers.

These Centers are located in Albany, Clifton Park, and Niskayuna. (Not all Centers perform the tests; you can confirm if they do testing by calling.) These facilities do a rapid test, with results in 15 to 30 minutes. Reservations are recommended.

Please give the above your immediate attention to ensure that you can complete the testing process in advance of your visit. Should you have any questions regarding testing, you may contact our Infection Control Department at 518-724-3222.

We appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we work to make your visitation experience a successful one.