

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Massry Residence Families and Residents  
FROM: Mark L. Koblenz, CEO  
DATE: July 20, 2021  
RE: Update

We are pleased to note that, with the phenomenal success of the COVID-19 vaccines, we continue to have no cases of the virus amongst either residents or staff. We do monitor residents on a daily basis to watch for the possible emergence of symptoms, and, as you know, we screen all staff, visitors and contractors upon entering the building.

Although there has been some relaxation of the very strict COVID rules implemented over the past year by the New York State Department of Health (DOH), as applied to healthcare facilities things are not completely canceled. The New York State Pandemic Emergency has been rescinded, but, at the same time, the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued Emergency Temporary Standards applicable to all healthcare employers, as has DOH, that retain many of the COVID rules issued at the height of the pandemic. For example, all staff must continue to wear facemasks at all times when in the presence of residents or others.

As you may already be aware, in light of recently released guidance from DOH, we are very excited to note that the dining room has been completely re-opened. Given that all of our residents are fully vaccinated, they are once again able to eat together without wearing masks or social distancing. Moreover, activity programs have also been expanded for any number of residents at one time, who can then participate without wearing masks or social distancing.

You cannot imagine how thrilled our residents were to be able to once again dine en masse! They were able to visit and talk to each other in a manner that they have not been able to do so for the past 15 months. It is exhilarating to see the lives of our residents returning to at least some semblance of their pre-COVID circumstances.

While there is no longer any need to make an advance reservation for a visit at The Massry Residence, visitors will still be screened prior to entering the facility. Masks must continue to be worn by visitors in the hallways of the Residence and in public assembly areas (such as the main lobby and the lobbies on the resident wings).

As always, should you have any other questions we have not answered, please do not hesitate to contact Sharon Rosenblum at 518-724-3404 or Marisa Rotolo at 518-724-3402.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and for the affection that you have shown, and continue to show on a daily basis, for our residents.