

MEMORANDUM

TO: Residents, Families and Friends
FROM: Mark L. Koblenz, CEO
DATE: March 17, 2023
RE: Campus Update – COVID Testing

We want to let you know that, earlier today, the New York State Department of Health rescinded its directive that visitors to nursing homes must test themselves for the COVID virus prior to visiting a resident. The State has decided to defer to CDC guidelines on these virus-related rules, which do not currently contain such a testing requirement.

As a result, **you no longer have to take a COVID test prior to entering the Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, nor do you need to show proof of having taken one at home.** Nonetheless, testing prior to entering a nursing center is still encouraged by the CDC. If you are more comfortable being tested, please be aware that we can continue to offer you a test.

We are continuing to ask everyone to sign in on the Kiosks prior to entering the facility. Also, please remember that visitors must wear masks whenever in common areas of the buildings. (If you wish to remove your mask while visiting in private with your family member, you may do so in your discretion.)

As always, if you feel unwell yourself, we request that you not overdo it, but stay home and recuperate. While we enjoy seeing you, we want to be as cautious as we can be to avoid spreading infections.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your loved one's social worker.

We truly appreciate that our visitors have been so cooperative with all of the many and varying COVID requirements that we have been confronted with over the past three years.

Thank you for all of your continuing confidence in, and support for, our staff.