




MEMORANDUM

TO: Manor East Residents and Responsible Parties
FROM: Carrie Davis, Administrator 
DATE: September 26, 2022
RE: Visitation update

You may have seen media reports that the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) have updated COVID guidance for nursing facilities. I take this opportunity to review the list of regulators that Covenant Woods must comply. We must follow the most stringent of the following entities: CDC and CMS at the federal level; VDH (Virginia Department of Health), OLC (Office of Licensure and Certification) and DSS (Department of Social Services) at the state level; LHD (Local Health Department) at the local level; and CW protocol which balances all the above along with CARF (Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitative Facilities) guidance and best practices.

At this time, VDH has not provided comment on the federal recommendations. After discussion with the LHD, we will maintain our current protocols until further notice. We will provide updates when any changes are made.

We will continue high infection control measures for the safety of all residents, staff, and visitors. We are now entering what is considered “flu” season. Cases of flu were significantly lower the past 2 years in all settings and all localities. A clinical explanation has been the prevalent use of masks in response to COVID. New infection prevention recommendations include masking for any sign or symptom of respiratory illness regardless of origin. This too will factor into the CW protocol this fall.

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