



COVID-19 Update

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Dear Residents and their Loved Ones,

Our residents' and associates' health and wellbeing has always and will always remain our top priorities. With this in mind and as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, we will continue to provide you with updated information. We continue to be intensely focused on our infectious disease control efforts and monitoring the pandemic so that we can shape our decisions to be the best ones for our residents and associates.

COVID-19 cases are rising across the country largely due to the Delta variant of the virus. The current information surrounding the Delta variant reports it to be more contagious than prior strains of COVID-19. As we all continue to navigate the new knowledge and updates, we want to acknowledge that nearly all of your fellow residents and many associates are fully vaccinated. Our associates continue to wear masks while working and we continue to sanitize high-touch areas in the community. Additionally, our assisted living and memory care residents are monitored daily for symptoms by our caring staff. According to the CDC, COVID-19 vaccines are effective, can keep you from contracting COVID-19 and can also help keep you from becoming seriously ill should you get COVID-19.

With the evolution of this new variant and the current knowledge surrounding it, the CDC has recently updated its guidance to include a **recommendation that vaccinated people wear a mask in public, indoor settings** when in areas of the country experiencing substantial or high transmission of COVID-19. As a result, we encourage our residents to wear a mask when feasible, continue to wash their hands frequently and let our team know if they are not feeling well. The governmental guidance permits us to continue to offer our restaurant-style dining and group activities to our residents, and we will continue to do so unless otherwise advised.

There is still much to learn about the COVID-19 Delta variant and we will continue to monitor for updates and incorporate the most up-to-date CDC guidance available.

We remain grateful for the trust you place in us and are committed to your safety and wellbeing.

Sincerely,

Blake Management Leadership Team