

April 20, 2023



Dear Residents, Tenants, Family Members and Employees,

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I am very pleased to write to you today to let you know that the positivity rate for Covid has finally dropped low enough that we can eliminate masking as of Friday, April 21, 2023. Belknap County is currently in moderate transmission. Going forward, masks are optional unless one of the following issues arises:

- If the community positivity rate goes to “high”, we will need to return to masking in the facility at all times.
- If we were to have a Covid outbreak, then we would need to return to masking during the outbreak. Regularly updated signs will be posted at the front entrance indicating the community transmission rate and whether or not we are required to wear a mask and/or eyewear.
- Please keep in mind if you have any communicable illness, we ask you not to visit to protect our residents and tenants. This includes any respiratory symptoms or gastrointestinal symptoms.
- If you have had any exposure to Covid, we ask that you not visit for 10 days. Please continue to use good infection control practices such as washing your hands when you come into the building or using hand sanitizer.

We will continue to provide our written handouts for education on the principles of infection control and we will continue to have you sign in at the front entrance when you come to visit. The door will continue to remain locked for the safety of our residents and tenants.

My staff and I thank you sincerely for your patience and support during these past three years. It has not been easy for any of us. We continue to look forward to serving your loved ones with the best care we can provide.

God bless,

Brenda Buttrick RN, LNHA
Administrator