

Visitor Guidance effective 8/2/2021

for Skilled Nursing Facilities at Columbine Health Systems

WE HIGHLY ENCOURAGE THE RESIDENT TO WEAR A MASK DURING YOUR VISIT.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

- COVID-19 is a contagious respiratory disease caused by a new coronavirus discovered in 2019 called SARS-CoV-2.
- Person to person contact is thought to be the main way COVID-19 spreads. This occurs through respiratory droplets that are produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- Illness varies among individuals. Some may show no symptoms while others have severe illness. Our residents are at a higher risk for severe illness which may lead to death. This is why the facility has strict infection control requirements.
- Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus and may consist of:
 - Fever (>100F) or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- Individuals may be contagious even before symptoms begin and remain contagious for up to 20 days after.
- We are dedicated to protecting our residents and staff and that is why all individuals who enter and reside in the building must be screened, tested (when applicable), wear a mask, practice social distancing, perform hand hygiene, and follow additional infection control requirements. We also encourage everyone to get vaccinated against COVID-19.
- We recommend that you quarantine for 14 days prior to arrival. We also recommend that you get vaccinated against COVID-19 and provide proof of such records to the facility. You must also monitor for symptoms.

**If you had any of the above symptoms within 14 days of the visit, or had contact with someone who has symptoms or COVID-19, your visit must be canceled for the safety of your loved one and others.*

For Fully Vaccinated Visitor(s)- 2 weeks past the final dose in the vaccine series

- Can visit **without scheduling the visit**
- Must be screened and perform hand hygiene at the building entry
- Must show **proof of fully vaccinated status**
- Will wear a **blue** VISITOR SCREENED* sticker during the entire visit
- Will wear a mask DURING THE ENTIRE visit
- **May participate in activities, dining, and outings as space allows and need to remain socially distanced from other residents and staff, as well as adherence to wearing a mask throughout**
- Visitor(s) and resident must limit visiting other residents and going throughout the facility. Limit surfaces touched and socially distance from others.

** Please Note – if any visitor within the visitor group is UNVACCINATED the entire group will be deemed UNVACCINATED.*

After Business Hours Activities and Dining

To participate in activities or dining after business hours – contact the facility during regular business hours prior to ensure confirmation of FULLY VACCINATED status.

For UNVACCINATED Visitor(s)

- **Must schedule their visit** each and every time and **must remain outside the building** until scheduled visitation time
- Must be screened and perform hand hygiene at the building entry
- Will wear a **red** VISITOR SCREENED sticker during the entire visit
- Will wear a mask DURING THE ENTIRE visit
- Visitor and resident can visit:
 - In the resident's room if the resident is VACCINATED.
 - If the resident lives in a semi-private room the roommate must also be FULLY VACCINATED and must AGREE with the visit. Both roommates cannot have visitors at the same time.
 - In the designated visitation area within and outside the facility
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Columbine Commons, Lakeview Commons, and New Mercer Commons

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