



To: Residents and Staff
 From: Nadia N. Geigler, CEO *Nadia*
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 Re: COVID-19 Prevention and Protection

COVID Count

ACTIVE cases	
Residents	Staff
0	0

RECOVERED cases	
Residents	Staff
25	46+7

"+7" refers to a non-staff provider

Vaccine Opportunity

For those who need their second dose of the vaccine, Jewel-Osco will be here on Thursday, March 25 at 3 pm in the 6th floor conference room administering doses of the Moderna vaccine.

It is not yet clear if Jewel-Osco can administer the first dose to those are interested. If you would be interested in receiving your first dose on this date, please reach out to Mark Dubovick to let him know.

New Guidance (and it's good!)

- Testing for Staff - As a result of the positivity rates in our local area and our own COVID experience, we can start transitions to testing every other week in early April. All staff will need to be tested the week of March 21 and March 28. We will not have testing the week of April 4. As regulations go, this is subject to change because of positivity rates in the city/county and/or our own experience of COVID. Please keep yourself informed via Connectteams updates, postings, staff meetings and email. When it doubt, talk to your supervisor.
- Testing for Residents – For a while now we have met the qualifications to move resident testing to monthly but have made the choice to keep weekly testing in place as a preventative measure. Given our experience and the positivity rates around us and with the approval of local public health, we will be moving Harbors residents to every other week testing at the same time as staff, assuming regulations and guidance do not change. There will be more shared on this as we approach the time of transition.
- Quarantine requirements for Staff – Employees who are fully vaccinated, which means that it has been two weeks or more since their final dose of the vaccine, no longer need to quarantine for two weeks following an actual or potential exposure to someone with COVID.
- Quarantine requirements for Residents – Residents who are fully vaccinated, which means that it has been two weeks or more since their final dose of the vaccine, no longer need to quarantine upon admission or upon re-entry into the community. All residents, regardless of vaccination status, will still need to quarantine for 14 days if they have had an actual or potential exposure to someone with COVID.

- Phases have been phased out – The phased approach to reopening guidance has come to an end. Based on current guidance, a future positive case would look like this if the case involves...
 - An IL resident: No change in practices. The resident would quarantine until they met requirements for “recovered.”
 - A Harbors resident: The floor the person resides on would go into quarantine and weekly testing of staff and residents on that floor would be in place for a minimum of two weeks. The other floors of The Harbors would not be impacted in terms of dining, activities, gatherings, testing, etc. except for the temporary freeze on all visitors to The Harbors until one round of Harbors’ residents and staff testing was complete and showed no new positives. Assuming that all-Harbors testing produced no new positive cases, the floor with the positive case would remain in quarantine for the remainder of the two weeks and the rest of The Harbor would be available to visitors again.
 - A direct care member of staff: Same as “A Harbors resident” above.
 - An member of staff who does not come into direct contact with residents: All residents of The Harbors and all staff would need to complete one round of testing with no additional positive cases. In the meantime, The Harbors would be closed to visitors.
 - More than one person testing positive: This would be a very different scenario than those listed above. We would offer direction at that time based on current guidance.
- Harbors’ Visitors - If a Harbors resident has been fully vaccinated, meaning that they are two or more weeks removed from their final dose of the vaccine, they may sit closer to their visitor than 6 feet, they may hug, hold hands and touch their visitor. Masks must be worn at all times and no eating or drinking can be allowed. This guidance revolves solely around the vaccination status of the resident and not the visitor. We will be reinstating outdoor visits as soon as the weather is nice enough to do so, as this is the preferred setting for infection control aspects.
- Crossover from IL to Harbors – IL residents are now welcome to visit the common areas on the 6th floor of The Harbors. IL residents are still prohibited from being on the other floors of The Harbors at this time.
- Crossover from Harbors to IL - Harbors residents are now welcome to visit the common areas on the 6th floor of the IL side of the community, with the exception of The Bistro and The Waterfront. We would love to be able to gather again in these spaces but, for now, mixing the two populations of the community for an activity that involves having masks down carries too great a risk at this time.
- Elevator Capacity – Effective immediately, elevator capacities have gone up. For the larger elevators (both Harbors elevators, the service elevator and the one Tower elevator), capacity will go from 6 to 7 people. For the smaller elevators (the guest elevator, two of the Tower elevators, the Garden elevator), capacity will go from 4 to 5 people.

We hope this summary of the new guidance is both helpful and encouraging! If you have questions, please let me know and I will work with the team to provide answers in future memos.

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