

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 10, 2021

To: eliseo Residents, Family Members and Employees

From: R Kevin McFeely, President & CEO

Re: Visitation

Earlier today I sent out a memo regarding the use of face masks and the agencies that regulate our licensed areas. I just received a notice from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) indicating they are now allowing responsible indoor visitation at all times and for all residents, regardless of vaccination status of the resident or visitor, unless certain scenarios arise that would limit visitation for:

- Unvaccinated residents, if the COVID-19 county positivity rate is greater than 10 percent **and** less than 70 percent of residents in the facility are fully vaccinated.
- Residents with confirmed COVID-19 infection, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, until they have met the criteria to discontinue transmission-based precautions; or
- Residents in quarantine, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, until they have met criteria for release from quarantine.

CMS continues to recommend facilities, residents, and families adhere to the core principles of COVID-19 infection control, including maintaining physical distancing and conducting visits outdoors whenever possible. This continues to be the safest way to prevent the spread of COVID-19, particularly if either party has not been fully vaccinated.

While this is good news, please understand we cannot implement this immediately as we need to hear from Governor Inslee, the Washington State Department of Health and the local Department of Health that the no visitation mandate currently in effect has been rescinded.

We will keep you informed of this very fluid situation and let you know when we can begin these visits. Thank you for your patience as we work through this.