

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 7, 2021

To: **eliseo** Residents, Staff and Family Members

From: R Kevin McFeely, President & CEO

Re: Visitations, Dining and Group Activities

As you may have read, Governor Inslee has released updated guidelines for Nursing Home residents related to Visitations, Dining and Group Activities. Therefore, beginning Wednesday, May 12th, (with one exception) we will be implementing the following protocols:

- The Waterfall Dining Room in the Health Center will reopen for Health Center residents to utilize for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Fully vaccinated residents will be allowed to sit together-residents who have not yet been fully vaccinated will sit at tables by themselves.
- The Assisted Living Dining Room will reopen for Assisted Living residents to utilize for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Fully vaccinated residents will be allowed to sit together-residents who have not yet been fully vaccinated will sit at tables by themselves.
- Group Activities (large and small) will begin again on June 1st. Regardless of vaccination status, we are requesting residents to wear their masks while participating in the activity program. We will also on June 1st begin offering bus rides/pleasure trips for our residents in the licensed areas (Health Center, Assisted Living and North Ridge). Again, masks will be requested to be worn while on the bus.
- Inside and outside visitations for residents in the Health Center, Assisted Living and North Ridge will continue based on State and Federal mandates. Apartment and Six-Plex residents will now be allowed to have their visitors visit with them throughout the campus. Again, we are requesting masks be worn when in the vicinity (six feet) of another person.

- We are still required to comply with capacity requirements that are present in each County. As of this writing, Pierce County is in Phase 2, which means our spaces such as the Mortvedt Center and Harbor Café are limited to 25% capacity. Because of this, we are not yet able to open up the Café to all Apartment residents for dinner. Visitors are able to purchase items in the Café but not able to consume them on site. Once this changes based on the County metrics, we will make you aware of this.

You may have noticed **eliseo** staff members wearing a face shield and mask when traveling throughout the Apartment building. While it was initially required only for employees in Skilled Nursing Homes, the Washington Department of Health issued an update to this that requires employees to wear this Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when in Assisted Living areas. Since our Apartment building consists of both Assisted Living and Independent Living residents, we made it a requirement for the entire building to ensure compliance. **This rule does not apply to residents or visitors.**

As has been shared with you previously, protocols are in a constant state of change. I know this is a lot of information to take in and as always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you need clarification. Thank you again for your support as we have navigated through the pandemic and appreciate your adherence to these new protocols.