

August 26, 2022

Dear Residents & Family Members,

At Friends House the current outbreak includes three staff members in Health Care who tested positive for COVID-19. We do not have any resident who tested positive in Health Care. We continue to manage our "outbreak" with ongoing resident and staff testing.

Visiting is not limited at this time (however, volunteer department duties have been suspended until further notice).

Beauty Shop appointments for residents of the Health Care Center and Assisted Living have been suspended until further notice.

In consultation with the Maryland Dept. of Health, in-room dining continues for all residents in the Health Care Center (started July 21, 2022).

For the Health Care Center: Visitors will continue to be asked questions about symptoms and other COVID topics at the front door of Stabler Hall, including a record of their temperature, and to wear a mask. Each visitor is only to meet with the resident they are there to visit. Please do not mingle or speak with other residents and do not move to the hallways other than to enter and exit the building. Please do not visit if you are experiencing any symptoms.

For Assisted Living: Visitors coming to Haviland Hall will need to complete the screening form, take their temperature, and wear a mask, and proceed directly to the room of the resident they are visiting. Each visitor is only to meet with the resident they are there to visit with. Please do not mingle with or talk with other residents. Please do not visit if you are experiencing any symptoms.

If you wish to visit a loved one who has COVID-19, ask us about personal protective equipment. As ever, we greatly appreciate your understanding as we continue to follow the State guidelines for addressing this current outbreak or any future outbreak.

This upcoming week we will welcome our new Social Worker, Simaye Solomon. She comes with over 10 years of experience in long term care and is excited to join the team at Friends House.

Kindest regards, Fernanda Azucena, LNHA Administrator