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Dear Residents & Family Members,

There are NO COVID positive staff cases at Friends House which now is NOT in outbreak.

Here we review the new State of Maryland directives that affect visitors in the Health Care Center ONLY which began on January 21, 2022, due to the level of transmission. THE ITEMS BELOW WILL APPLY FOR AS LONG AS MONTGOMERY COUNTY REMAINS IN A STATE OF TRANSMISSION – or until the State of Maryland changes the directives.

This means that, if you wish to visit, one of the three things below applies:

1. You will be asked to provide proof of a negative test obtained within 72 hours of entry,
OR
2. You can agree to be tested on site using a point of care/rapid test. (If the test is positive, you may not visit),
OR
3. You decline #1 and #2 above in writing, in which case you may visit as long as you wear a face covering, physically distance and visit your loved one inside the resident room.

NOTE: Visitors who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days are exempt from testing upon showing their positive test result that is more than 5 days from the time of visit as long as they are no longer exhibiting symptoms.

Visiting update:

For the Health Care Center: Visitors must be screened at the front door of Stabler unit and, after completing negative testing and/or paperwork in accordance with the above, proceed directly to the room of the resident they are visiting. The visitor is only to meet with the resident they are there to visit with. Do not mingle or speak with other residents and do not move to the hallways other than to enter and exit the building.

For Assisted Living: Visitors coming to Haviland will need to be screened at the double doors or the rear ambulance entrance (the door off the parking lot) and proceed directly to the room of the resident they are visiting. The visitor is only to meet with the resident they are there to visit with. Do not mingle with or talk with other residents.

Regards, Marc Goldstein-Smith, MS, LNHA