



Caring Through Charity
a not-for-profit Senior Choice Community

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Dear friends and families,

The federal government’s sweeping plan to mandate vaccines for health care workers at Medicare and Medicaid facilities is intended to curb the surging Delta variant and to address the slow pace of COVID-19 vaccinations.

The Department of Health and Human Services' [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#) will issue a similar rule requiring vaccinations for workers in most healthcare facilities that receive reimbursement, including hospitals, dialysis centers, ambulatory surgical settings and home health agencies. Additionally, businesses with more than 100 employees must require their workers to be vaccinated or get tested weekly.

Full vaccinations are at the forefront of safety for staff and residents. We encourage all, including family members and volunteers, to become vaccinated.

We are pleased to announce that 70% of our staff and 90% of our residents have all been vaccinated

Learn more about vaccine facts vs. myths with a downloadable PDF, blog and video blog, which are linked from our website’s COVID-19 page.

Visitations will be monitored and controlled. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with our masking and social distancing protocols for our facility. Our utmost priority is to protect the residents and staff and their families.

Visitation has reopened. All visitation must be scheduled through a facility representative. Please call our facility during Monday through Friday business hours to schedule. For all personal care and nursing home visitation, please call Kathy Layman, our front desk receptionist, to schedule. Please bear in mind that scheduling at least one day in advance is preferred.

Available time slots for visitation at The Patriot will be as follows: Monday through Friday 10-11:30 am, 1-4 pm and 6-7 pm; Saturday and Sunday 10-11:30 am and 1-4 pm

We are following guidance from [\(CDC\)](#), [Department of Health \(DOH\)](#) and [CMS](#) as well as the latest [COVID-19 infection control guidance](#) with relation to its impact on our residents and visitors.

Our Facility’s Resident Impact (May 15, 2020, through September 16, 2021):

Number of cases	
58	Nursing Home: Confirmed residents with laboratory positive COVID-19.

55	Nursing Home: Confirmed staff with laboratory positive COVID-19.
11	Nursing Home: COVID-19 Deaths: Residents with laboratory positive COVID-19 who died in the facility or another location.
6	Personal Care: Confirmed residents with laboratory positive COVID-19
6	Personal Care: Confirmed: staff with laboratory positive COVID-19

As always, we appreciate that you entrust us with the care of your loved ones. We take very seriously our responsibility for your loved one's safety and well-being. If you have any questions, we are always available for you. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Barbara Smith
Interim Administrator