



COVID-19 Update July 30th, 2021

Dear Residents, Families and Staff,

Oak Hill's residents continue to be COVID free! In the past two months, we have had two employees test positive for COVID. As of today, (7/30/21) the county positivity rate has increased dramatically to 13.5%. The positivity rate has not been this high since back in January. All but one resident here at Oak Hill has been vaccinated, and our staff is 72% vaccinated. We will not be admitting any more residents that have not been vaccinated or are not willing to become vaccinated.

With this new wave of infections, we are anxiously waiting for the CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health to revise and update their guidance for Long-Term Care. For now, the rules below remain in effect.

- 1- Unless a resident tests positive, we will no longer be required to routinely test any staff or residents that have been vaccinated. Only unvaccinated residents and staff will continue to be routinely tested for COVID-19.
- 2- For Vaccinated Residents, outside visits may occur with no limit on the number of visitors present nor will there be an age restriction placed on the outside visitors.
- 3- Vaccinated Resident will be able to return to the dining room for all meals and will be eligible to attend group activities without wearing masks or social distancing.
- 4- Vaccinated Residents are eligible to travel from the facility without having to quarantine upon their return to the building.

Oak Hill will continue in-person visits for the time being. The process and rules are as follows:

- Visits will be scheduled between 10am and 4pm Monday through Friday.
- There can be up to 2 visitors per resident at a time.
- Visits are scheduled to last 45-50 minutes.
- Visits must take place in the common areas near the front lobby.
- Unless specified otherwise, there will be no visitors allowed down the hallways into the resident living areas.
- Masks need to be worn during the visits
- Social Distancing IS NOT REQUIRED during your visit. Please touch, hug, and provide personal contact!

Please call the front receptionist to reserve a time/date.

Oak Hill would like to encourage those who have not been vaccinated, to rethink their decision. We all know those who have received the vaccine, and I am not immediately aware of any side effects that are more unpleasant than having COVID itself. I fear for our community during this repeated outbreak. Please contact the facility, or the [Monroe County Health Department](#) for information on where and how to get vaccinated. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Brian L. Koontz, Executive Director, Oak Hill