



September 22, 2022

Dear Residents, Staff and Resident Representatives:

We continue to follow CDC guidelines and New Jersey Department of Health directives. CDC Mandate has been issued. 100 % of our staff have had at least one dose or granted a qualifying exemption or have a temporary delay. By new guidance, 100 % of staff have completed their boosters and/or have booster within 3 weeks of when due. We are also offering the 2nd booster to residents and staff that are eligible.

All appropriate infection control measures continue to be taken, per CDC and NJ Department of Health guidelines. We continue to monitor all staff and residents for signs and symptoms of Covid-19 and practice infection control measures in all interactions.

Visitation is allowed; visitors must sign a form indicating that they are aware of the implications in regard to COVID and will follow Facility policies. Residents can request to go out on pass. This will be granted case to case but without overnight privileges. Residents are required to sign a document that agrees that they are aware of Facility policy and they will uphold the regulations while out on pass. Family representative that is taking the resident out must also sign the document.

We are having vaccination clinics as necessary. Many of our residents have already gotten their second booster as recommended. There are many residents who consented or are consenting or whose family are giving consent for the boosters and newly admitted residents who are signing up for the first vaccine. Our next vaccine clinic will be on Tuesday, September 27, 2022. The new bivalent boosters will be administered. We will continue to give appropriate boosters to residents who consent, as per physician order, per CMS directives. We encourage all residents to get vaccinated. We have clinics every few weeks and as necessary.

Staff are required to follow the mandate as described above. Those staff who have exemptions, or only completed one dose, must continue testing twice weekly, until two weeks after second dose, at this time. If residents are interested in vaccine or booster – please complete a form which is at the front desk. If there is a resident who needs a resident representative to give consent- verbal consent can be given to the social service department and we will give the vaccination when the next opportunity arises.

We are resuming group activities, where we can socially distance. Fully vaccinated residents no longer have to wear masks or practice social distancing when gathering or eating with other vaccinated residents. Unvaccinated residents, however, must still wear masks and practice social distancing during communal activities. If one person is unvaccinated in any communal area, ALL persons must wear a mask.

Outside contractors, including barbers, who are vaccinated can come in to provide needed resident services. If we identify a positive case and are performing outbreak testing, we will pause temporarily the ability of outside contractors to enter the building. In any case, all outside contractors, must be vaccinated and wear a mask and visitors must wear a mask.

You can obtain the latest updated information at any time by logging in to our website at: www.groveparkhc.com. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Michael Schlegel, Director of Nursing at 973-672-1700.

Total cases of most outbreak: Residents: 0 Staff: 1

