



April 18, 2022

Dear Residents and Family Members,

At Country Meadows, our number one priority is to protect our residents and co-workers by creating and maintaining a safe environment.

As COVID-19 transmission rates drop, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), relaxed guidelines for wearing masks in public. Our clinical team reviewed these guidelines for our residents, co-workers and guests and has updated our masking policy.

- During low-moderate transmission county rates, masks will be optional for everyone on campus.
NOTE: This does not include residents, co-workers and visitors at our Bethlehem Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center where masks continue to be required per Centers for Medical and Medicaid Services.
- During substantial-high transmission county rates, masks will be required for everyone on campus.
- If a positive COVID-19 case is found on campus, masks will be required for everyone in the building with the positive test(s) until all negative test results are received.

We will post signs on the doors of each building on every campus indicating whether masks are optional or required at that time based on the above criteria. Residents will be informed by staff. When masks are required, Country Meadows can provide masks for visitors if needed.

Regardless of our policy, if you feel safer wearing a mask, please continue to do so. And when a co-worker is providing services in a resident's apartment, the resident may to ask the co-worker to wear a mask. We ask all our residents, visitors and co-workers to respect others' decisions on masking.

While we are relaxing masking guidelines during times of low transmission, Country Meadows has not wavered in our infection control protocols. Each of our campus teams continues to practice safety measures including surveillance testing, quarantining and administering preventative treatments when warranted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa F Torchia".

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