

May 6, 2022

Dear Residents and Family Members,

Our clinical team continues to monitor recommended guidelines as well as potential risks and safety practices. As such, they have adjusted our masking policy for our residents, co-workers and guests effective immediately:

• Masks are optional for everyone on campus and <u>only will be required when there is a positive case(s) in a campus building.</u> In that circumstance, masks will be required for everyone in that building(s) until all negative test results are received.

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 Medicare and Medicaid Services.

• We will continue to post signs on the doors of each building on every campus indicating masking status. Residents will be informed by staff. When masks are required, Country Meadows can provide masks for visitors if needed.

If you feel safer wearing a mask at all times, 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.

Our number one priority remains to protect our residents and co-workers by creating and maintaining a safe environment. As shared in our last update, 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.

Thank you for your continued support of our policies created for our residents' quality of living.

Sincerely,

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