
WESTMINSTER UPDATE

TO: WESTMINSTER VILLAGE RESIDENTS AND TEAM MEMBERS
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As hoped, we are reopening the Hearth and Landing dining rooms to fully vaccinated visitors on February 14th and resuming a full schedule of inside and outside activities. We are grateful for the decrease in cases within the broader community but know that we will occasionally have cases here. In addition to the one that I spoke of in the All Resident Meeting this week, we learned after that meeting that two related residents in Independent Living had tested positive. All three are doing fine. This has made 8 total cases since the first of the year and all have done fine relative to COVID. When we learn of a case, we do contact tracing and provide notifications to the best of our ability.

I personally have a tough time reconciling opening to visitors while having positive cases. We have lived in fear for so long that it is hard to say this is okay. The best message in the previous paragraph is all are doing fine. 99% percent of this community is vaccinated and boosted. We are protected to the greatest extent possible against a severe reaction from COVID. We are opening to visitors as safely as we can. We are removing the restriction so each of you can decide for yourself what risk you can tolerate. You may not want to invite visitors to eat or sit with those who have a visitor. That is fine! We will make an announcement later this month regarding masks outside of the licensed areas. The Governor and IDPH said they “anticipate” ending the mask mandate on February 28th. If that does in fact change, there will be individuals that choose to continue to wear a mask. We are moving into a phase of learning to live with this because the threat and outcomes have changed.

Together we will continue this journey, and with kindness, respect each other’s choices.