



FAIRMOUNT COVID-19 PREVENTION AND PROTECTION UPDATE

December 23, 2021

Dedicated to Faith, Family & Community

Christmas Greetings!

Since Thanksgiving, we have had ten team members test positive for COVID-19, seven of whom work in Health Care. During that time, no Health Care residents, five Farm Crest Personal Care residents and two Residential Living residents have tested positive. We continue to monitor residents for symptoms three times daily and test when needed. Team members are testing two times per week. We caution that you may be putting yourself at risk when choosing to visit in areas where there has been potential exposure. Currently, the only area is Valley View (first floor of Health Care). If we have no further positive cases, the exposure risk concern should cease on December 29. Of course, the exposure risk remains in our Dogwood Hallway COVID treatment unit.

VISITATION INFORMATION

When visiting loved ones at Fairmount, we remind you of our **Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention:**

- Visitors who have a positive test for COVID-19, have symptoms of COVID-19, or currently meet the criteria for quarantine, should not visit or enter the building.
- Upon entry, screen at the kiosk for temperature check and answer the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 questions.
- Hand hygiene is essential. Use alcohol-based hand rub or wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds. Alcohol-based hand rub is available at the entrance and in the hallways.
- Face covering or mask (covering mouth and nose) must be on at all times.
- Maintain a safe physical distance at least six feet between persons.

If you or your loved one is going out for Christmas or New Year's Day, please continue to follow infection prevention guidelines above, including screening in.

If you are planning to have a meal at Fairmount with your loved one, you may purchase your meal in the Café and eat there or in the resident's room.

VACCINATION OPPORTUNITIES

With the highly transmissible Omicron as the dominant variant of COVID now, a surge in the virus is expected. Obtaining the vaccine and, if you have the vaccine, getting the booster is highly recommended. Anyone who would like to obtain the vaccine can register for one of Fairmount's vaccine clinics by contacting the receptionist at 717.354.1800. Upcoming clinics are:

- December 23, 2021, in the Chapel
- December 30, 2021, in the Chapel
- January 25, 2022, in the Chapel

WellSpan Ephrata Community Hospital is offering COVID vaccination clinics. You may schedule your appointment by calling the COVID-19 hotline 1-855-851-3641 or online through your MyWellSpan account or by visiting www.wellspan.org/make-an-appointment/covid-19-vaccine.

Or you can check with your local pharmacy about other opportunities.