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815-734-4103

May 12, 2021

Dear resident/family member/friend,

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) issued new guidance for testing, visitation, dining and activities late Thursday evening, May 6, which will positively impact our residents and staff. Pinecrest has updated our policy to reflect these changes and began implementing them yesterday. The enclosed update to Pinecrest's policy outlines the changes implemented by IDPH. I'd like to mention just a few changes that will significantly lessen the restrictions placed on Pinecrest Manor and Terrace residents.

Visits with Pinecrest residents must continue to be pre-scheduled during the designated visiting hours; however, visitors are no longer required to answer the COVID prescreening questions 24 hours prior to visiting. Visitors will answer the screening questions and have their temperature taken upon arrival for the visit using our self-service kiosk. While visitors must wear a mask to and from the resident's room, if the visitor(s) and the resident are fully vaccinated (14 days beyond receiving the last vaccine), masks may be removed in the room during the visit and physical contact is permissible.

It is ***very important*** that visitors notify Pinecrest ***immediately*** at 815-734-4103 if they test positive for COVID or develop symptoms within three days of visiting Pinecrest.

Residents who are fully vaccinated no longer have to maintain social distance and no longer have to wear masks during group activities and dining. Residents who are fully vaccinated are not required to quarantine after returning from a visit outside of the building – even if the visit is overnight.

Residents can participate in group outings and fully vaccinated residents no longer have to maintain social distancing in vehicles on outings.

Newly admitted residents who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to quarantine or be placed on limited contact precautions.

Staff who are fully vaccinated no longer have to be regularly tested for COVID-19. Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated staff will still continue with testing based on local positivity rates – currently one time per week testing is required for unvaccinated/partially vaccinated staff.

We're happy to implement these changes that bring just a little more normalcy to our residents, families and staff. Please see the enclosed update to Pinecrest Manor's COVID plan for more detailed information about these changes. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 815-734-4103 or by email at flabash@pinecrestcommunity.org

Sincerely,

Ferol J. Labash
Chief Executive Officer