



March 10, 2021

Dear Residents & Family Members,

We are committed to keeping you well informed of updates and changes with the impact of COVID-19 on our Friends House community. Please see the chart below for our current numbers related to positive COVID-19 cases for both residents and staff. These numbers are reflective from the very start of the pandemic.

**Vaccine update:**

We held our third vaccination clinic on March 1, 2021. As planned, we administered the second vaccination for a combination of 55 residents and staff. We have an average vaccination rate of 85% of residents who currently reside in the health care units.

Our current vaccination rate for staff is 65%.

**Visiting update:**

We are not currently in an outbreak status. As well, the positivity rate in Montgomery County is below 5%. As a result of these two conditions, we can have indoor visitation. We will do so on a limited basis and with some requirements.

We will allow one person to visit at a scheduled time. The person entering the building will need to be tested with a point of care (POC) test. Only upon a negative result will the visitor be allowed in the building.

Indoor visitation days and times will be by appointment only on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM. Visits will be 30 minutes in length; however, you need to arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time in order to be tested and await the results. Arriving late for testing will impact your allotted time for visiting. In order to ensure appointment availability for all residents' families, we are limiting appointments to one visit per week. And, if you find you cannot attend a scheduled visit we ask that you please contact us as soon as possible so that we may give your time slot to another resident's family.

If you would like to schedule an indoor visit, please call the front desk of Stabler Hall during regular business hours to schedule a time. The number is 301-924-7531. If you would like to schedule an indoor visit in Haviland Hall (Assisted Living), please call 301-924-7518. We require 24 hour notice for an indoor visit.

**Visitors must follow these steps:**

Visitors must complete a screen for symptoms. This screen will be conducted at the indoor visit locations and will include a temperature check. No visitor will be permitted if symptomatic and/or temperature is above 99.0 Fahrenheit.

Visitors must wear a mask at all times during the visit. Mask or face covering must be supplied by the visitor.

Hand Hygiene must be completed before and after the visit. The facility will supply a portable alcohol based hand sanitizer (ABHS).

There cannot be any exchange of items during the visit. Any packages that are brought during the visit will be given to the resident after the cleaning protocol for packages has been completed.

The visitor will be assigned a location to sit. (This location will be at least 6 feet from where the resident will be assigned to sit.)

There will only be one visitor allowed at a time. There will be no hugging and/or eating during the visit.

The facility will only accommodate one scheduled visit in each respective location (Stabler or Thomas Hall and Haviland Hall) at a time. No resident under observation status will be able to participate until off of observation status.

Window or Skype visits are always available. If you would like to schedule a window visit, please call the front desk of Stabler Hall during regular business hours to schedule a time, or feel free to request a Skype or FaceTime call. The number is 301-924-7531. If you would like to schedule a window visit or FaceTime call for a resident who lives in Haviland Hall (Assisted Living), please call 301-924-7518.

Our latest results since the beginning of COVID-19 are: (As of March 9, 2021)

	#Positives	#Deaths	#Returned to Work	#Became Negative	#Still Positive
Healthcare Residents	31	6	N/A (not applicable)	25	0
Staff	41	0	41	N/A (not applicable)	0

We appreciate your continued support and understanding. We continue to work with The Maryland Department of Health, and local health departments in monitoring the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus.

Please remember that the virus has not gone away, even after the initial rounds of the vaccination have been administered, so it is still important to remain vigilant and continue to wear masks, practice social distancing, and wash your hands.

Stay Safe, Friends House Management

