



April 2, 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 have registered for another clinic. We have not yet been given a date for this clinic. The Johnson and Johnson one-time vaccination will be administered during this clinic. Unlike other vaccines, the Johnson and Johnson vaccine does not require a second shot.

Visiting update:

Visitors must schedule an appointment time 24 hours in advance of the visit.

Scheduling will occur by calling the front desk at Stabler Hall, 301-924-7531 if your loved one lives on Thomas Hall or Stabler Hall or by calling the nurse station on Haviland Hall, 301-924-7518 if your loved one lives on Haviland Hall.

Initially, 30-minute indoor visits will occur Tuesday through Friday from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

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 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.

Indoor visitation is subject to change at a moment's notice based on an outbreak in the facility or an increase of COVID cases in our local jurisdiction.

Window and 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 April 1, 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

It is with mixed emotions that I share this news. Jackie Marshall, our Director of Nursing for the last 5-plus years, has tendered her resignation. Although we are sad to see her go, we are happy for Jackie as she enters into the next chapter of her career. Jackie has assisted Friends House in many ways over these years and we thank her for her dedication to the residents and the team. Her last day will be April 28, 2021.

We are actively working on an interim plan as we search for a permanent Director of Nursing who will lead us as we move forward in our mission.

Please join me saying thank you to Jackie for her service to Friends House. We will miss her and wish her all the best in her new endeavors.

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