

March 22, 2021

Dear Stone Families,

I want to share the good news that visits with Residents residing on the first floor will resume tomorrow, Tuesday, March 23, 2021. To schedule a visit, please be sure to contact Amber Murray.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) has released new guidance allowing Residents who received the COVID-19 vaccine to be seated with up to four people at a table in the main dining room at Stone and Pettee House and to participate in group activities. Residents that have not been vaccinated can eat in the dining room and participate in group activities while wearing a mask, as able, and maintaining a distance of six feet from other Residents.

Beginning on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, fully vaccinated Residents can go out of the building for a social leave of absence without having to quarantine when they return. Also, Residents who have been fully vaccinated will not need to quarantine after a hospitalization. Please contact neighborhood managers at Stone, Jean and Kathy, 24 hours prior to the leave of absence to ensure it is safe for the individual to perform a car transfer.

Starting on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, fully vaccinated family members can visit with a fully vaccinated Resident in their room for 45 minutes if they reside in a private room or if their roommate is also fully vaccinated. Individuals are considered fully vaccinated either 14 days after they received the second Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine or 14 days after receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Visits will still be limited to two people per visit, and we kindly ask that no children attend visits. Families must be screened prior to their visit. Staff will ask if you would like a Binax test, which is a rapid test for COVID-19, prior to the visit. Masks must continue to be worn for the duration of the visit. If the Resident or family member has not been vaccinated, visits cannot occur in Residents' rooms, but can continue the way we are currently performing them.

If you have been vaccinated, please contact Amber Murray or me to help us plan visits and know which family members have been vaccinated.

Thank you for your continued understanding.

Sincerely,



Nicholas Baker, *Executive Director*