

February 19, 2021

Dear Residents and Families:

First of all, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Taya Walk and I started my position as Assistant Administrator at Samaritan Campus last December. I am filling in for Mari Beth Borek this week while she is out. I look forward to meeting and working with you and your loved ones.

Currently, Washington County's COVID-19 positivity rate is 5.1% and in addition to this, Tuesday, February 16th's weekly testing brought back all negative results for all residents and staff. Our low county positivity rate and the fact that we are no longer in an outbreak brings a number of positive changes for our campus.

Due to the county positivity rate being under 10% and not being in an outbreak:

- We are required to test all staff weekly, rather than two times per week.
- Residents will be tested on an as-needed basis. For example, if they are exhibiting symptoms or have had a significant exposure to COVID-19.
- We were able to start our indoor visits! Social Services and Therapeutic Recreation will be sending out further information on this topic explaining the process and what you can expect. Please call the receptionist M-F to schedule an indoor visit with your loved one. Indoor visits are available M-F at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. If you do not feel comfortable entering the building, window and virtual visits are still available. Please let reception know your preferred type of visit.

We are thrilled to be taking some baby steps back to normalcy, but in the case the county positivity rate reaches and exceeds 10% **or** one staff member or resident tests positive, all staff and residents will go back to two times per week testing and indoor visits will need to be halted, however virtual and window visits would still be available.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding through the many unexpected changes. We will continue to keep you updated and informed as any changes or information becomes available.

Thank you,

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