



Date: 10/3/2022

To: Independent Living (IL) Community

Re: COVID-19 Notification Letter and Outbreak Protocols

As of today there are two positive COVID-19 cases in the IL Community. Per our 7/12/2022 published notification, our COVID-19 Outbreak Status Guidelines will begin immediately.

Community Status: COVID-19 Outbreak

Definition of COVID-19 Outbreak: When resident to resident transmission of the virus is experienced.

Outbreak Protocols are in effect through: Saturday, October 8

**This time frame may need to be expanded if additional community spread is experienced.*

Effective Immediately:

- The IL access door to the main campus will be unlocked but will remain closed as a reminder you are entering the Healthcare area of Village Shalom
- An Accushield kiosk, COVID-19 symptom screening system, is located on the IL side of the access door to the main campus. Instructions are posted by the kiosk.
 - IL Residents are considered guests of Village Shalom when visiting the Healthcare side of the building and COVID-19 symptom screening is required.
 - Please wear the sticker provided while visiting the Healthcare area of the building. Failure to wear the sticker provided will result in a staff member asking that you return to the kiosk to complete the screening process.

COVID-19 Outbreak Status – Resident Services Guidelines

If you live in Independent Living, and are not COVID-19 positive and have ZERO symptoms, you are free to continue with your normal day to day routine and all resident services outlined below are available to you:

- Staff Led IL Resident Programming will continue as scheduled but in smaller groups. Watch for specific program related information from your IL Concierge.
- IT, Transportation, and Housekeeping Services are available as normally scheduled.
- Salon Services with a limit of only one resident in the salon at a time are available.
- Religious Services will continue as planned.
- Wellness Activities:
 - Transform is open for resident use.
 - Wellness Center is open for resident use.
 - Wellness Classes will continue as scheduled but in smaller groups than usual.

Resident-Initiated Activities

All Independent Living Residents who are not COVID-19 positive and have ZERO symptoms may participate in resident-initiated activities such as Mahjong, Bridge, and 4th Floor Happy Hour. These activities, however, are discouraged by Village Shalom.

For individuals who are COVID-19 positive, contactless meal delivery is available, and housekeeping room services will be placed on hold during the timeframe they are considered “active” per the Village Shalom definitions listed at the bottom of this letter.

COVID-19 Outbreak Status – Dining Room Usage

To mitigate crowding in our dining rooms during COVID-19 Outbreaks we've developed the following reservation schedule:

- Stonecreek Bistro – Reservations available from 11:00am – 1:30pm
- Zest – Reservations available from 4:30pm – 6:10pm
- Brunch – Reservations available from 11:00am – 1:20pm

Contact Dining Services to make your reservation.

- 1 reservation per timeslot
- Maximum of 4 individuals per reservation
- At least six feet will be left between tables.

During times of COVID-19 Outbreak:

- Thursday Dinner – A full menu versus the usual buffet will be available.
- Sunday Brunch – A fixed and plated meal versus the usual buffet will be available.

If you choose to utilize the dining room, for the safety of staff, we ask that you wear your mask until you are seated and your order has been placed.

Help us continue to offer valued resident services during Community Outbreak Status by:

- Wear a properly fitted mask over your mouth and nose when you are in our common areas or groups, and encourage your guests to do the same.
- When you enter the healthcare area of the building, adopt a COVID-19 positive mindset and help us protect our skilled nursing, assisted living, and rehabilitation residents.
- Practice good hand hygiene
- Socially distance when in groups
- Per CMS regulation, visitors who have a positive viral test for COVID-19, symptoms of COVID-19, or currently meet the criteria for quarantine, should not come on campus.

In response to this outbreak, a Village Shalom provided and administered COVID-19 rapid test is available to all Independent Living Residents. *This offer will not be available on an ongoing basis unless there is a specific exception.*

As always, do not hesitate to contact Jamie Paredes at 913-266-8468 with any questions. Independent Living residents should contact Jill Allin at 913-266-8410 with any inquiries.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,



Matt Lewis – CEO
Jamie Paredes – Nursing Home Administrator

Definition of Terms

- ***Independent Living (IL) Community – Refers to those who reside in the IL Villas and IL Apartments***
- ***Active Cases – Refers to individuals considered currently positive. Day 11 following a positive test, individuals are no longer considered positive.***