



October 29, 2021

Dear Residents,

**Re: Visitor Vaccination Protocols**

Thank you to those who participated in the survey last week. I truly appreciate hearing the perspectives of our Residents as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and seek to continue to keep Residents and Staff at Shalem safe.

After reviewing the survey results, effective **Monday, November 1**, the following additional protocol will be in place:

- **All visitors over 12 years of age will be required to show proof of vaccination, along with valid identification prior to entering Shalem's facility. Only those visitors able to produce a medical exemption will be exempt from this requirement.**

This will apply to all guests of Residents including family, friends, caregivers, housecleaning, and other individuals that may be providing assistance to you. We will continue to allow children under the age of 12 to enter Shalem's facilities, provided masks are worn in all common areas.

We have a high rate of vaccinated Residents with 97% of our Residents vaccinated. Although I strongly encourage those Residents who are unvaccinated to wear masks in common spaces (for your own protection), masking will not be required by Residents in any of Shalem's buildings and common spaces, including the Haven.

These continue to be challenging times and appreciate that this additional protocol may create hardship for some Residents. Thank you for your understanding and adherence as this protocol is implemented. My prayer is that this restriction will be temporary and short-lived!

May God give each one of us wisdom and grace as we strive to live well together!



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