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Follow Up to #74 for Carriage Home Residents

Hello!

Earlier today I shared an email outlining a number of changes to the CMS nursing home visitation guidelines and I wanted to address how these changes will specifically impact the Carriage Home community.

We're happy to share that Carriage Home residents can again participate in and attend communal activities so long as the core infection prevention principles are followed which include screening upon entry, wearing a mask that covers your mouth and nose, and physical distancing.

That means that Carriage Home residents can attend Mass in the chapel at Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge. The pews in the chapel continue to be marked off to encourage distancing. Because pews are marked off, seating may be more limited than usual.

Carriage Home residents can again utilize the amenities at Asbury Ridge such as the residential library as well as the exercise room. While you can also dine in the dining room and outside of St. Joe's Café, please do not move or rearrange tables and chairs. Gatherings of more than a few people in these spaces will not meet the requirements for distancing and therefore are not encouraged. To-go meals will continue to be offered at St. Joe's Café and can be arranged by calling the front desk.

Your ability to use these amenities will not be limited based on outbreak, as visitation is no longer limited. Just as with visitors, by entering the building during such times, Carriage Home residents should be aware of and accept the potential risks of being exposed to or contracting COVID-19. It may be the safer option to limit your participation during an outbreak. Postings will inform you at the front door of the risk of entering. I shared that today we have identified two (2) employees who were recently in the building and who tested positive for COVID-19. Outbreak testing is being conducted.

We welcome you back to these spaces and ask that you continue to be mindful of other visitors and residents. Please wear your mask, wash your hands and watch your distance!

Thank you!