



Calvary Homes continues to be committed to the ongoing safety and health of all our residents and team members as we all deal with the COVID-19 virus. All our team members continue to follow all infection control procedures.

There was a significant increase this week with the Lancaster County community transmission rate. According to the CDC as of 1/10/2022, the CDC website shows that the community transmission rate went from 21.75% to 39.76%. COVID testing for our health care and personal care team members that are not fully vaccinated continues to be done twice a week.

If you choose to visit any resident in our Health Care or Personal Care Facilities you need to follow the core principles of infection control as outlined on the check-in kiosk. When visiting any resident that is being quarantined you must wear a gown, gloves, protective eye covering or face shield and at least a surgical mask. When you leave their room place your gloves in the container with the red bag and your gown in the container with the yellow bag. You should then use the hand sanitizer when done. We appreciate your cooperation.

There is an increased risk of getting COVID as you visit on our Health Care and Personal Care Centers.

Independent Living Residents:

There are a few independent living residents that have tested positive. They have been given instructions about quarantining. Some other residents are being tested for COVID due to a possible exposure or because of having symptoms.

In our Health Care Center:

On 1/13/22, a HC resident developed symptoms and tested positive for Covid-19. This resident will be moved to the red zone and will remain on contact and droplet precautions for 14 days. All residents have been tested today and resulted negative. We will test all residents again next week.

On January 8, 2022 a team member that provides direct care to residents resulted positive for COVID-19. This team member did provide direct care to the residents during the potentially infectious period however all residents have been tested after this date and are negative. This team member did not come in contact with other team members meeting exposure criteria.

On January 8, 2022 a team member that does not provide direct care to residents resulted positive for COVID-19. This team member did not come in contact with any residents or other team members that would meet exposure criteria. Both team members have been removed from the schedule until return-to-work criteria is met.

January 5th, a direct-care giver tested positive for Covid-19. Contact tracing revealed all residents on the upper level would have come in contact with this team member. Unvaccinated residents on the upper level will be placed on contact and droplet precautions for 14 days. All residents are being tested again this week.

We had a second direct-care team member test positive for Covid-19 as well. This team member has not been in the facility and therefore there is no exposure to residents.

A third direct-care team member tested positive for Covid-19 today and contact tracing revealed they cared for residents on the lower level. All lower-level residents were tested and were negative. They are being tested again this week. Any unvaccinated residents will be placed on contact and droplet precautions for 14 days. All 3 team members are quarantining at home until they meet return-to-work criteria.

There are a few team members that are having symptoms. They are being tested and once their results come back will be instructed as to whether they can return to work or have to quarantine.

In our Personal Care Centers:

On January 7, 2022 we had a resident test positive for COVID-19. Contract tracing revealed that no resident and team members came into contact with positive resident that would meet exposure criteria. Resident and team members POC tested negative this evening.

On January 8th another resident tested positive. All other residents were tested and were negative. All team members were tested and one team member tested positive. The team member will follow the protocol to be out of work and will follow the return-to-work policy. Outbreak testing continues.

All team members are being tested at least one time per week. Those that are not vaccinated are being tested twice a week.

*****Visitation procedures*****

In March of 2020, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), provided guidance to Long-Term Care Facilities on restricting visitation, except for certain compassionate care situations. On November 11, 2021, CMS revised this guidance and we've outlined the changes below:

- Residents may have visitors without limitations of frequency, length of visits, number of visitors or with advance scheduling and the visit occurs in a manner that does not place other residents at risk.
- Visitation can be conducted through different means based on the resident needs, such as resident rooms, dedicated visitation spaces, and outdoor.
- Outdoor visitation is preferred when a resident and/or visitor(s) are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and weather permitting.
- Indoor visitation is permitted at all times for all residents, while adhering to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention applicable to visitation as identified below:
 - Visitors who have a positive viral test for COVID-19, symptoms of COVID-19, or currently meet the criteria for quarantine, should not enter the facility. We will continue to screen all who enter for these visitation exclusions. We continue to require all visitors to enter through the main Hurter entrance to be screened.
 - Performance of hand hygiene, before and after visitation.

- Face covering or mask (covering mouth and nose) and physical distancing at least six feet between people, in accordance with CDC guidance.
 - See below for specific guidance related to face covering or masking.
 - **In order to ensure physical distancing**, indoor visitation in **resident rooms** is limited to two visitors per room at a one time. Visits with greater than 2 visitors, shall occur in an approved designated location and are encouraged to be time limited (to ensure all residents have the same opportunity for visitation). To guarantee availability of designated visitation locations, Calvary Homes encourages, but does not require these visits be scheduled in advance.
- Instructional signage throughout the facility and proper visitor education on COVID-19 signs and symptoms, infection control precautions, other applicable facility practices (e.g., use of face covering or mask, specified entries, exits and routes to designated areas, hand hygiene)
- Cleaning and disinfecting high-frequency touched surfaces in the facility often, and designated visitation areas after each visit.
- Visitors will wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary given the resident's clinical condition. All PPE will be provided by Calvary Homes. If given a face shield, goggles, or other protective eyewear, the visitor is responsible to disinfect the PPE before and after each use and maintain/store it independently between visits.
 - When the county level of transmission is substantial to high all residents and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a face covering or mask.
 - In areas of low to moderate transmission, when the resident and **all** visitors are fully vaccinated, the resident is not moderately or severely immunocompromised, and while alone in the resident's room or the designated visitation room, residents and their visitor(s) can choose to not wear a face covering or mask. Visitors must wear a face covering or masks when around other residents or staff regardless of vaccination status.
 - Residents may also choose to have physical touch based on their preferences and needs, such as with support persons for individuals with disabilities and visitors participating in certain religious practices, including in end-of-life situations.
- Visitation in semi-private rooms, should not be conducted in the resident room if a resident's roommate is unvaccinated or immunocompromised (regardless of vaccination status).
- Visitors are encouraged to be tested, on their own, 2-3 days before coming to the facility. Additionally, Calvary Homes encourages visitors to become vaccinated against COVID-19 and may ask about visitor vaccination status, however, visitors are not required to be tested, vaccinated, or show proof of vaccination as a condition of visitation. If a visitor declines to disclose their vaccination status, the visitor should wear a face covering or mask at all times.

The health and safety of our residents and staff is our primary concern. We want to reassure you we will remain vigilant in our efforts to reduce the risks associated with COVID-19. Thank you for trusting us with your care. Resident and families may contact Tess Picarelli, PC Administrator at tpicarelli@calvaryhomes.org or (717) 824-8873, Stefanie Melick, DON for Healthcare at smelick@calvaryhomes.org or (717) 824-8815 or Dani Martin, VP of Health Services at dmartin@calvaryhomes.org or (717) 824-8829 with questions or concerns.

Due to the level of the county's community transmission rate and in following the recommendations of the CDC and the PA Department of Health, all Cottage and Rohrer Apartment residents as well as all visitors and guest must be screened in and have their temperature taken as well as masks are required upon entering all of our main building (Cathedral Hall, Hamilton, Nissley, Hurter Community & Administration Center including the apartments, Baumgartner & Nissley Personal Care Centers and Bausman Health Care Center). All residents

living in the main building need to be wearing masks whenever that are out of their rooms or apartments. The mask must be covering their NOSE & MOUTH.

We also offer a variety of ways you can communicate with your loved ones whether you are able or not able to visit them. We can get you connected through video communications with the use of Facetime, Skype, or Facebook. If you are interested, please contact Tiffany Phy (Dir. Of Social Services) 717-824-8836, Lindsay Doughty (HC social worker) 717-824-8865 or Elaina Keener (PC social worker) 717-824-8864.

We are grateful and blessed by the support and encouragement of the residents, their families, and this wonderful community we are able to serve.

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