



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.

According to the CDC as of 11/3/2022, their website shows that the Lancaster County community transmission rate went from 10.10% to 10.20%.

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 go to 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.

While visiting health care or personal care residents in their room you may take off your mask during your visit but only in their room. When go to the resident's room or leaving you must put your mask on and it must be covering your nose and mouth until you are out of the health care center or personal care center. Thanks for your cooperation.

We have no team members that are off work due to either testing positive for COVID or being exposed to someone with COVID.

**There are no residents in health care or personal care that have COVID.
There are no residents in independent living that are positive with COVID.**

October 20, 2022

To all Healthcare and Personal Care Residents and Families,

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) have published updated guidance for COVID-19 prevention and management within health care settings.

The most significant changes are related to routine COVID-19 testing for staff and COVID-19 screening for staff and visitors.

Effective immediately, staff are no longer required to complete routine COVID-19 testing per the Lancaster County COVID-19 transmission rate or based on vaccination status. Staff with signs or symptoms of COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, will be tested and restricted from the facility pending results and/or meeting return to work criteria established by the DOH. We will continue outbreak investigation when a single new case of COVID-19 occurs among residents or staff to determine the scope of outbreak testing. Outbreak testing may be based on contact tracing or unit/facility wide.

The second significant change is related to COVID-19 screening of staff and visitors. Staff are no longer required to complete COVID screening prior to work. We will continue to educate the staff on the importance of not coming work when ill and to remain up-to-date with recommended vaccination. Visitors will continue to sign in at the kiosk, located in the Hurter Lobby prior to visiting Health Care or Personal Care areas, but will no longer be asked COVID-19 screening questions. You will see the required guidance regarding COVID-19 infection prevention posted throughout our facility to remind you of ways to decrease or prevent COVID-19 transmission. The guidance includes, but is not limited to the following:

- 1.) You may not visit Health Care or Personal Care, if you tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days or if you have signs or symptoms of COVID-19 including:
 - a. Fever or chills
 - b. Cough
 - c. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - d. Fatigue
 - e. Muscle or body aches
 - f. Headache
 - g. New loss of taste or smell
 - h. Sore throat
 - i. Congestion or runny nose
 - j. Nausea or vomiting
 - k. Diarrhea
- 2.) For the safety of our resident and staff, defer non-urgent in-person visits for **10 days** if you had close contact with someone with confirmed COVID-19.
- 3.) Practice hand hygiene before and after your visit and before and after touching a resident.
- 4.) Face covering or masks (covering mouth and nose) are required when in common areas. When alone in the residents room you may choose not to wear a face covering or mask. However, this may increase the risk of COVID-19 transmission to you or the resident.
- 5.) If you test positive within 48 hours of your visit, please contact us at 717-393-0711
- 6.) Stay up to date with recommended COVID-19 vaccinations.

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 Karrie Rogers, PC Administrator at krogers@calvaryhomes.org or (717) 824-8873, Stefanie Melick, DON for Health Care 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.

Sincerely,

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