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To: OWHC Residents & Representatives, Team Members

From: Healthcare Administrator Melissa Sellers

Subject: Orchard Woods Health Center Path Forward Update



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This week brought exciting news for Orchard Woods. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services chose to follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control. Quarantine is no longer recommended for residents who are being admitted to a post-acute care facility if they are fully vaccinated and have not had prolonged close contact with someone with COVID-19 in the prior 14 days. After further coordination with the epidemiologist at the Virginia Department of Health, we removed the clear plastic wall from our observation area and once again, Orchard Woods looks like home.

Beginning Monday, May 24, Orchard Woods Health Center residents will be permitted to go on scheduled social outings with their loved ones. To schedule a visit, call the care base to inform our team members of the anticipated day and time you plan to take your loved one on an outing. Please keep in mind that we must continue to educate on the importance of avoiding crowds, avoiding poorly ventilated areas, and practicing infection control. Team members encourage hand hygiene, and a face mask must be worn for the full duration of your outing. The attached form will need to be completed before the outing to confirm acknowledgment of our protocols. Your diligence in following these guidelines is pertinent to keep your loved one and other residents safe.

Furthermore, only a mask is needed when visiting indoors at Orchard Woods, unless visiting a resident in the new observation area for unvaccinated residents. Visits in the new observation area will only be permitted in compassionate care situations. Those visitors must adhere to our personal protective equipment protocols for infection control by wearing a mask, gown, and gloves.

The positivity rate for Frederick County increased to 4.8 percent this week. Orchard Woods conducted this week's testing on May 17. We continue to closely monitor these trends and implement appropriate infection control measures accordingly.

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The chart below provides more detailed information on the impact of COVID-19 in Orchard Woods and across campus.

	Skilled Rehab	Long-term Care	Memory Care
Resident active cases of COVID-19	0	0	0
Resident on-set symptoms pending COVID-19 test results	0	0	0
Active Independent Living COVID-19 resident cases	0		
Team member active cases of COVID-19 (across all services lines)	0		
Team member on-set symptoms pending COVID-19 test results quarantine required (across all services lines)	0		

As we continue our Path Forward together, we can embrace the new opportunities this year will bring. Thank you for your continued faith and support in our efforts.