



March 8, 2021

Timber Ridge Family,

I am pleased to share that it has been over 28 days since our last facility onset case of COVID-19 at Timber Ridge. This means that for the first time since last September we are no longer considered by Tazewell County Health Department and the Illinois Department of Public Health to be in a “COVID-19 outbreak” status. We are also very thankful that the great majority of our residents along with many of our staff members have been able to receive their COVID-19 vaccinations in March. In addition, the local COVID-19 infection and positivity rates continue to decline and remain at rates much lower than they have been since last fall.

Because of this, as of Friday, April 2nd ALL Timber Ridge residents will be able to resume visits to their family homes without any restrictions based on COVID-19 recovery dates or their vaccination status. However, because the pandemic is not over and it is still unclear what the risk is of a vaccinated individual transmitting the virus to others, we do ask that families exercise caution in what activities they engage in during a home visit. We respectfully request that you avoid large gatherings and limit access to the community as much as practical during the visit. Please help your loved one follow any COVID-19 protocols such as the use of face coverings and social distancing in the event you do need to access the community.

We will be asking questions about your loved one’s contact with others who may have the virus upon their return to Timber Ridge. Any individual who returns with “COVID like” symptoms or who may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 during their home visit will be quarantined upon their return per CDC and IDPH guidelines. If at any time Timber Ridge experiences new cases of COVID-19 that return us to outbreak status these visits may be suspended again without prior notice.

For your reference I am again attaching our current guidelines for visiting at Timber Ridge. Many of you have already begun utilizing the visiting room, but I wanted to share the information again in case you missed the last communication. We are not able to change these protocols quite yet, but as soon as we are able to update them we will share that information with you.

As always, feel free to contact us with any questions as they come up.

Thank you for your continued patience, prayers, and support.

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