



COVID GUIDELINE UPDATES FOR WINDBER WOODS

INFECTION CONTROL GUIDELINES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

-Windber Woods continues to encourage everyone to remain up to date with the recommended COVID-19 vaccine (Individuals are considered up to date if they have received a 2023-2024 updated COVID-19 vaccine or if they received a bivalent COVID-19 vaccine within the last 2 months).

-A surgical mask is required upon entering the home. You will also need to complete a screening sheet and temperature check. This requirement is for all staff and visitors regardless of your vaccination status due to our increase in COVID-19 cases.

-ALL VISITORS AND STAFF should report to the main entrance and report the following **prior to entering the building:**

- a positive viral test for SARS-CoV-2
- Symptoms of COVID-19
- Close contact with someone with COVID-19

-Visitors with confirmed COVID infection, compatible symptoms, or close contact with someone infected with COVID should defer non-urgent in-person visitation until 10 days after their close contact

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR STAFF TAKING CARE OF SOMEONE WITH COVID-19:

-N95 MASKS MUST BE WORN AND DISCARDED AFTER THE RESIDENT CARE ENCOUNTER. A NEW N95 WILL BE DONNED UPON EACH ENTRANCE INTO THE ISOLATION AREA. GOGGLES MUST BE WORN DURING RESIDENT ENCOUNTERS ALONG WITH GOWNS, AND GLOVES. HAND HYGIENE MUST BE PERFORMED IMMEDIATELY UPON EXIT.

COVID TESTING GUIDELINES:

ALL ADMISSIONS WILL CONTINUE TO BE TESTED THE DAY OF ADMISSION (Day 1), if negative again on Day 3, and if negative again on Day 5.

ALL SYMPTOMATIC RESIDENTS AND STAFF WILL BE TESTED USING THREE SERIES IMMEDIATELY (Day 1), if negative again on Day 3, and if negative again on Day 5.

If you have had a direct exposure to someone with COVID-19, the day of exposure counts as day 0 as testing is not recommended earlier than 24 hours after exposure.

Thank you,

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