

A Senior Care Community

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Dear Residents, Family and Friends of the Home on Eighth,

CMS has recently issued new guidance for visitation in skilled nursing facilities. Starting November 16, 2021, visitation is now allowed for all residents at all times. We will no longer be putting visitation on hold for an outbreak in the facility.

Below are a few reminders and guidelines with the new guidance:

- All visitors must use the kiosk machine to screen in and receive a visitor sticker.
  - If you fail the screening, please wait for the receptionist or nurse to assist you.
- Masks must be worn when in the building and we encourage masks during your visit in the residents room.
- Visits should occur in the residents' room or outdoors only.
- There is no longer a limitation on the amount of visitors per visit.
- Visits no longer need to be scheduled on the online system.
- Social distance should be maintained from others while in the building.
- No family members or visitors are allowed to attend activities, including Happy Hour.
- We ask that families do not eat in the dining room with their loved ones, only in the resident room or outdoors.
- Visitors who have had a positive test for COVID-19, symptoms of COVID-19, or meet the criteria for quarantine, should not visit.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> street door will be unlocked from 7:00am to 7:00pm. Please use the phone in the entryway to gain access afterhours.

Our priority is to keep everyone safe and healthy. We continue to work with the MN Department of Health and Olmsted Public Health on safety measures.

Communication is key, and we will continue to update you on any news, emerging issues, or additional changes in our operations via the COVID-19 section of our website or by calling 1-507-476-9053 to hear messages regarding our COVID-19 response. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 507-424-4041 or kberg@samaritanbethany.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kyla Berg Community Leader