

**August 3, 2021**

To Residents and Resident Family Members of Licensed Area Neighborhoods:

Things are changing very fast as we see a rapid increase in COVID-19 cases statewide. Lexington County is no exception with a positivity rate continuing to increase. Lexington County is now 11.3%, which is considered “high.” In addition, a team member has tested positive, potentially exposing River Banks and Sanders Rehab Neighborhoods. This causes us to continue following “outbreak status” which means all staff and residents in these two areas need to be tested once a week for the next 14 days. Because of the high county activity rate, all unvaccinated staff will need to be tested two times a week. Unvaccinated team members will be tested two times a week until the county activity rate drops.

Below is the most recent resident/employee testing, results, isolation protocols, and visitation guidelines per neighborhood with the county activity rate rising and the “outbreak” status, each neighborhood will have different precautions that are subject to change at any time.

### **Testing, Isolation, Quarantine, and Visitation Updates**

#### **River Banks Assisted Living**

- **Tests Conducted:** Residents were tested for COVID-19 the week of July 19<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup>, and August 2<sup>nd</sup>. All residents have tested negative. Residents will be tested again next week.
- **Isolation/Quarantine:** Residents are on neighborhood quarantine. This means they should remain on the neighborhood but are not quarantined to their rooms unless they are unvaccinated. Neighborhood quarantine started 7-20-2021 and quarantine is to end 8-14-2021 assuming there are no further positive exposures or new cases.
- **Visits:** Compassionate Care visits are being scheduled for the River Banks neighborhood. These visits are approved by Rachel Troutwine, Unit Coordinator.
- **PPE:** Staff are required to wear eye protection and surgical mask. Visitors, both vaccinated and unvaccinated are required to wear a surgical mask at all times while in the community.

#### **Saluda Skilled Nursing Neighborhood**

- **Tests Conducted:** Residents were tested for COVID-19 the week of July 19<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup>, and August 2<sup>nd</sup>. All residents have tested negative.
- **Isolation/Quarantine:** Neighborhood quarantine started 7-20-2021 and quarantine is expected to end 8-3-2021 assuming there are no further positive exposures or new cases.
- **Visits:** Regular indoor visitation may resume.

- **PPE:** Staff are required to wear a surgical mask. Visitors, both vaccinated and unvaccinated are required to wear a surgical mask at all times while in the community.

### **Broad Skilled Nursing Neighborhood**

- **Tests Conducted:** Residents were tested for COVID-19 the week of July 19<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup>, and August 2<sup>nd</sup>. All residents have tested negative.
- **Isolation/Quarantine:** Neighborhood quarantine started 7-20-2021 and quarantine is expected to end 8-3-2021 assuming there are no further positive exposures or new cases.
- **Visits:** Regular indoor visitation may resume.
- **PPE:** Staff are required to wear a surgical mask. Visitors, both vaccinated and unvaccinated are required to wear a surgical mask at all times while in the community.

### **Congaree Skilled Nursing Neighborhood**

- **Tests Conducted:** Residents were tested for COVID-19 the week of July 19<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup>, and August 2<sup>nd</sup>. All residents have tested negative. .
- **Isolation/Quarantine:** Neighborhood is not on isolation assuming there are no further positive exposures or new cases.
- **Visits:** Regular indoor visitation may continue.
- **PPE:** Staff are required to wear a surgical mask. Visitors, both vaccinated and unvaccinated are required to wear a surgical mask at all times while in the community.

### **Rose Gardens Memory Care**

- **Tests Conducted:** Residents were tested for COVID-19 the week of July 19<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup>, and August 2<sup>nd</sup>. All residents have tested negative.
- **Isolation/Quarantine:** Neighborhood is not on isolation assuming there are no further positive exposures or new cases.
- **Visits:** Regular indoor visitation may continue.
- **PPE:** Staff are required to wear a surgical mask. Visitors, both vaccinated and unvaccinated are required to wear a surgical mask at all times while in the community.

### **Sanders R. Guignard Rehab Suites**

- **Tests Conducted:** Residents were tested for COVID-19 the week of July 19<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup>, and August 2<sup>nd</sup>. All residents have tested negative. Residents will be tested again next week.
- **Isolation/Quarantine:** Residents are on neighborhood quarantine. This means they should remain on the neighborhood but not quarantined to their rooms unless they are unvaccinated. Neighborhood quarantine started 08-03-2021 and quarantine is to end 8-14-2021 assuming there are no further positive exposures or new cases.
- **Visits:** Compassionate Care visits are being scheduled for the Sanders neighborhood. These visits are approved by Christana, Unit Coordinator.

- **PPE:** Staff are required to wear eye protection and surgical mask. Visitors, both vaccinated and unvaccinated are required to wear a surgical mask at all times while in the community.

### **Employee Testing**

**Tests Conducted:** The Lexington County positivity rate is above 10% (Lexington is at 11.3%) and therefore, testing for staff will go from once a week to two times a week. This is only for unvaccinated staff members who work in the licensed areas.

**Outbreak Testing:** All vaccinated and unvaccinated staff that work in Sanders and River Banks will be required to continue testing this week and will be tested again next week. Two employees tested positive this past week. One contract employee in Therapy and one employee in Housekeeping. Employees were triaged and are at home recovering.

### **Compassionate Care and End of Life Visitation**

While end-of-life situations have been used as examples of compassionate care situations, the term “compassionate care situation” does not exclusively refer to end-of-life situations. Compassionate Care visits are different from indoor visits because they are more frequent and flexible. Compassionate Care Visits are scheduled through the Unit Coordinator for each neighborhood.

#### **Overview of Compassionate Care Visits:**

- Compassionate Care visits take place **in the resident’s room** without other residents present.
- Visitors are limited to 2 people a day for a maximum of one hour. Visitors will be required to wear a surgical mask throughout their visit. This can be two separate visits for 30 minutes or one visit for one hour.
- Frequency of visits will be determined by the interdisciplinary team and may only be offered temporarily.
- If you believe your loved one should be considered for compassionate care visits, please contact the Unit Coordinator for your loved one’s area. Contact information below.
- At all times, visits should be conducted using physical distancing of at least 6 feet and while wearing a mask.

### **Other ways to Communicate**

We will continue to assist with Zoom calls, FaceTime calls, and window visits. If you have presents, food, treats, or any other deliveries, you may drop them off at the front desk anytime. Please remember to include the resident’s name and the room number on the deliveries. Zoom calls, window visits and FaceTime calls are scheduled through life engagement if the resident requires assistance.

If you are participating in any type visit, please do not visit if you are experiencing any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or have been exposed or potentially exposed to someone that is positive for COVID-19. If you develop symptoms or test positive within 14 days of

your visit, please report to this information to the Unit Coordinator. Please reach out with any questions.

**Greenway Front Desk: 803-995-8100**

**Hilary Bassett, Visit Questions and Concerns: 803-995-8080**

Compassionate Care Visit

**Terra Ginyard, Unit Coordinator for Saluda, Congaree and Broad: 803-995-8115**

**Rachel Troutwine, Unit Coordinator for River Banks and Rose Gardens: 803-796-6801**

**Christana Shoyoye, Unit Coordinator for Sanders Rehab: 803-796-6490 Ext 5137**

Virtual Visits and Window Visits

**Hannah Taylor, River Banks Life Engagement: 803-995-8114**

**Bob Michalski, Rose Gardens Life Engagement: 803-995-8069**

**Diane Cote, Skilled Nursing Life Engagement: 803-995-8070**

**John Tasevski, Sanders Life Engagement: 803-739-5021**