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To our Patients and Family Members,

We are happy to announce that beginning Monday, November 22 we will no longer require scheduled visitation. Visits may now occur in resident’s rooms during normal visiting hours. Visitors will enter through the front lobby to sign in and complete Covid-19 screening. Upon passing screening, visitors will be permitted to go directly to resident’s room or designated visitation area. All visitors must adhere to ***Core Principles of Covid-19 Infection Prevention*** at all times while in the facility per CMS and CDC requirements.

**Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention**

* Visitors who have a positive viral test for COVID-19, symptoms of COVID-19, or currently meet the criteria for quarantine, will be restricted from entering the facility.
* Hand hygiene (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred)
* Use of face covering or mask (covering mouth and nose) regardless of vaccination status
* Physical distancing at least six feet between people, in accordance with CDC

In addition to adhering to Core Principles of Infection Prevention, visitors must also limit movement within the facility and avoid walking between different halls. We also ask that you remain mindful of the number of visitors per visit to ensure the ability to maintain proper physical distance requirements.

All visitors must assume the potential risk associated with Covid-19 infection upon entering the facility, and must adhere to Core Principles of Infection Prevention at all times.

While holistic health care decisions are personal and influenced by many factors, we believe the science and research supports the safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccine. It has been extremely effective in reducing the number of cases, as well as the severity of illness in long-term care settings. CMS and Hart Care Center strongly encourages all visitors to become vaccinated. We at Hart Care Center also encourage all visitors to be tested prior to entering (especially during periods of High to Substantial levels of community transmission). Testing will be offered to all visitors upon entry per request.

Currently, our center **does not have any** *active* COVID patient cases and no active COVID staff cases. According to CDC Covid Data Report, community transmission rate for Hart County remains High.

We encourage you to contact us with questions and concerns. Please call us at (706) 376-7121.

Sincerely,

Cole Meeks

Administrator