



# Steere House

NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER

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Dear Family Members and Friends of Steere House,

Today's message is primarily to clarify some items around the visitation program at Steere House. However, first, I am happy to report NO resident positive cases in our recent test results.

Currently, the rules from the Rhode Island Dept. of Health (RIDOH) about visitation do not allow visits in a manner similar to pre-COVID-19. This means that appointments are required, limits exist to the number of individuals who can visit, screening is a must, and monitoring of each visit is stated in our instructions.

As I mentioned last week, the RIDOH announcement and the media coverage were misleading and confusing. The team at Steere House is grateful for your patience, and will respond to each new RIDOH announcement "relaxing" visit rules. We know everyone is anxiously waiting for the time when a more open visit program is possible. SO are we!

The only change for Steere House based on the latest guidance:

- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet
- IN ROOM visit are only for residents who cannot come to visit area due to medical status
- Brief hand holding
- Brief Hugs

Please note, Gina Williamson ([GWilliamson@SteereHouse.org](mailto:GWilliamson@SteereHouse.org)) is the contact to make appointments. Every effort is given to requests with a goal to give each RESIDENT a turn. Some families have more requests and these are not all possible to accommodate.

In the meantime, your part in helping us to continue with visits by appointment is important. There are many required visitation plan and infection control logistics and compliance by RIDOH is monitored.

I encourage each of you, when able, to get vaccinated for COVID as that helps to support community immunity levels. Again, your cooperation is appreciated. Stay safe and well!

Sincerely,

Julie H. Richard, Administrator