



Steere House

NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER

August 9, 2021

Dear Family and Friends of Steere House,

As our planet and Rhode Island deals with this newest Covid variant and spread of the Coronavirus, we want to inform you of the impact to Steere House. One of our staff has tested positive. We are taking many steps, and we are following NEW communication from the Department of Health (RIDOH) provided this morning specific to our nursing home. The safety of our residents and staff is priority and following these instructions will make a difference.

- VISITATION CHANGES:
 - 3rd floor is temporarily closed to visitors until further notice. End-of-life or Compassion visits will be permitted with advance arrangements. Please call a nurse supervisor.
 - NO VISITOR CHANGES for 2nd floor, 1st floor and TCU.
 - Hours: 10am -12pm and 2pm-6pm
 - MASKS AT ALL TIMES
 - 2 guests per resident
 - Outdoor visits are preferred
 - INDOOR visits are in-room only
 - NO travel in unit areas - except to enter/exit the resident room
 - Please arrange your visit to end at 12pm or 6pm
- TESTING:
 - ALL Residents/Patients will be receiving a PCR Covid test.
 - ALL Unvaccinated employees/staff will be receiving a PCR test.
- Steere House has adequate PPE supply

Our Staff VACCINATION RATE is 84%. Please do consider getting the Covid vaccine if you have not already done so. Steere House appreciates your understanding as we continue to vigorously enforce the state's various instructions regarding guests, vaccines, PPE and much more. This new spread is frustrating after working hard to battle Covid. As you have heard in the news, the new virus strain is highly contagious. While not perfect, vaccines and masks are the best defense.

Steere House will continue to communicate using email via VoiceFriend to keep you informed. Do contact Social Work or Admissions if you would like to add an email address. Our website posts the most recent communication for your convenience. We are very thankful for your support and patience, your kindness means a great deal to us!

Sincerely,

Julie H. Richard, Administrator/Executive Director