

To: Residents and Staff
 From: Nadia N. Geigler, CEO *Nadia*
 Date: Thursday, December 30, 2021
 Re: COVID-19 Prevention and Protection

COVID Count

ACTIVE cases	
Residents	Staff
4	10+5

“+5” refers to a non-staff provider

RECOVERED cases	
Residents	Staff
29	50+8

“+8” refers to a non-staff provider

From yesterday afternoon to today, we have learned of one new case in an IL resident and four in staff.

The Good News and The Other News

Even with this very recent and sharp spike in COVID cases, the good news is that the vaccines and boosters appear to be protecting us from serious illness and death. In fact, most who are testing positive have had very mild symptoms and some have had no symptoms at all.

The other news, though, is that serious illness and/or death is still possible for some, even those who have been vaccinated, and therefore our mitigation efforts should remain in full force. We cannot settle - even with favorable odds - when what is at stake is human life.

Even beyond this though, the presence of positive cases of COVID in our building creates a host of challenges for our community. Events and gatherings have been canceled or postponed. This can be a challenging time of year with weather as it is to not be able to gather, even under this roof. Containing the spread will get us all back together faster.

And then there is also the impact on service delivery. A positive case in a member of staff requires that person to be away from work for a minimum of 10 days. Some staff who have not tested positive but who have been directly exposed by a family member, are testing and in quarantine outside of the building. Each one of these long and unplanned absences is felt by staff who are doing everything they can to avoid an impact to residents.

With the rate of transmission for this variant being so high everywhere, some of this is probably unavoidable but we should do anything we can to limit the spread.

Useful Information about Testing

This article was shared with me by an IL resident and includes some helpful information about when and how to test. This should be available to all, even without a Tribune subscription, but if you can't access it please let me know and I will share a copy with you.

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/coronavirus/ct-covid-testing-omicron-20211228-hfxpchjm5nb4niqcainp4bntqy-story.html>

Guests, Please Be Ready – Proof of ID and Vaccination Status coming

In follow up to the notice sent last week, attached please find an memo from Dan Burns explaining the process for verifying the vaccination status of guests who wish to dine in The Bistro or The Waterfront.

cc: Megan Callahan, HealthPro
Andrew Whooley, Whoo's Caring

Dr. Eric Mizuno, Medical Director
Pamela Winkler, Rainbow Hospice

Memo

To: All Residents, Guests, Family and Staff
From: Dan Burns, Culinary Services Director
Date: Thursday, December 30, 2021
Re: **Vaccine requirements for dining in IL**

In accordance with the recent Public Health Order, we will be requiring proof of vaccination for anyone age 5 and older that wishes to dine in either the Bistro or Waterfront. For those 16 and older, a valid photo ID must be presented as well. Anyone that is unvaccinated may order carryout and dine in their apartment. **These requirements will start Monday, January 3rd.**

Acceptable forms of proof of vaccination are your original vaccination card, a photocopy of your vaccination card, a digital record (photo), app or printed record from vaccine provider.

For residents and staff- We are aware of everyone's vaccination status and proof of vaccination will not be required. If you are unvaccinated, you cannot dine in the dining rooms but you are welcome to carryout.

For guests- Proof of vaccination will be required either at the register in the Bistro or when arriving at the Waterfront dining room. This will be our process for the time being with additional instructions given if the process changes.

If you have questions please reach out to Dan Burns at dburns@admiral.kendal.org or visit the City of Chicago website Chicago.gov for more information.