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Dear Residents, Families, and Friends of Redstone,

Last Friday, the CDC presented new guidelines for when masks should be required in public spaces. With Covid cases declining and vaccinations on the rise, it is time for us to move to the next phase of living more normal lives. The new CDC guidelines take into account levels of infection and availability of hospital beds in determining if a county is low, medium, or high risk. In counties that are considered to be low risk, only those who are immune compromised are required to wear face masks in public areas. Because Westmoreland County is in the low risk category, we are able to make some changes to our mask policies effective immediately. Independent Living residents will now have the option to wear masks, or not, in public spaces and in Redstone vehicles.. Visitors to Independent Living residents are also no longer required to mask, but we do encourage your thoughtfulness in taking into consideration the level of risk for those being visited. Please note that visitors and team members in healthcare settings (Personal Care or Skilled Nursing) are still required to wear masks, and residents from other levels of care visiting in clinical settings will need to wear a mask. For our visitors, it is important that you continue to screen upon arrival to a Redstone campus, and answer all questions truthfully related to your possible symptoms or exposure to Covid. Mask guidelines may change if at any time Westmoreland County moves to yellow or red based on case levels and hospital capacity.

In other good news, we will return to allowing residents from across levels of care to participate in activities and events together. For now, we will keep our social distance spaces in place for gatherings, but will be reviewing safe changes for the future.

As we adjust to our “new normal,” we will need to respect one another’s varying levels of comfort. Guidelines continue to encourage those who are immune compromised to wear face masks as a precaution. Some will choose to continue to wear face masks in public spaces both in the external community and on our Redstone campuses, because of their personal preference and level of risk. As always, if you are feeling unwell, we encourage you to self-isolate and be tested for Covid when appropriate. Contact your Campus Director if you have questions about testing.

We continue to see data that those who have been fully vaccinated and boosted have the best defense against Covid. If you have not yet received your booster, we encourage you to do so. Again, please contact your Campus Director for assistance.

Here’s to brighter days ahead!

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