

# TERESIAN HOUSE

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March 26, 2021

We are pleased that DOH has finally adopted the CMS guidelines regarding nursing home visitation. We immediately activated the facility pandemic committee to review and advise on a path forward. We embrace fully the letter and spirit of the release and would do whatever it takes to set in motion a plan to implement this fully.

Coincidentally, today we registered our first resident Covid-19 positive case in many weeks. This resident resides on Mount Carmel West, is fully vaccinated and asymptomatic. We continue to conduct outbreak testing as per CMS/DOH guidelines. However, Teresian House remains committed to opening our doors for visitation with the appropriate safeguards and best infection control practices.

Our primary goal is to ensure expanded regular visitation for all families while ensuring the safety of our residents. We will be carefully monitoring our visitation plan while keeping in mind that the virus is still present.

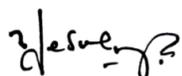
Beginning on Monday, March 29, in person scheduled visitation which take place. The initial phase of visitation will be one- hour appointments; 10:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm, 2:00pm and 4:00pm. Screening will be conducted outside the main entrance. You will be asked to complete a screening questionnaire which will include temperature checks, questions about and observations of signs or symptoms of COVID-19. Hand hygiene, face coverings or masks, and social distancing will be strictly enforced.

Those seeking to schedule in-person visitation may contact Audra Isabella by calling: 518-724-2721, or by sending an email to [visitrequest@teresianhouse.org](mailto:visitrequest@teresianhouse.org). Window visitation and compassionate care visits will continue concurrently. In addition to resident's room, the facility has identified other locations that could be utilized for sunshine and fresh air purposes.

Our efforts to vaccinate staff members continues. To boost these numbers and encourage additional participation, we offered \$200 cash to those who had not received the vaccine. I am pleased to inform you that we have 24 additional staff members who have received their first dose of Moderna this week.

The path to visitation has been a long one for residents and families and it is our hope and desire that this is only the beginning to return to normalcy.

Sincerely,



Frank K. Yeboah, Administrator.