

NEWS FLASH UPDATE

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ATTENTION EVERYONE:

Thank you for your support and understanding throughout the last 14 months. As you know, Homestead tries to be very transparent about issues surrounding the pandemic and this will continue until we no longer have anything to discuss, which we pray will be sooner than later!

VISITATION: AFTER VISITING WITH KDADS/KDHE AND REVIEWING THE CMS GUIDELINES FOR VISITATION, THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WILL BE MADE IMMEDIATELY:

In-facility visitation will happen with the following guidelines:

- Proof of vaccination will be required (picture on your phone or card will suffice)
- Unvaccinated visitors will use booths for visits or be tested before visiting rooms (please allow for the 15 minute wait time for test results)
- All visitors will wear masks while in common areas
- Visits need to be scheduled and limited to ONE HOUR.
- Unvaccinated residents will use booth for visits even if visitors vaccinated.

Outings for residents:

- Vaccinated residents able to leave facility with vaccinated family members (proof of vaccination for primary family member required)
- Time limit of 2 hours
- HHC requests residents wear mask if setting involves more than 10 people and physical distancing may not occur. (This is to protect other residents/staff should an exposure occur while on outing.)

This supersedes any information issued last week from Homestead. Again, we are being cautious yet wanting to provide residents with quality of life through visitation with family and friends.

Positivity rates in Sedgwick County are on the rise. Homestead urges family to be safe and physical distance when out in public to prevent further spread. Homestead also urges vaccination.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we work toward keeping residents and staff safe.

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