

Hello Summit House family! I wanted to provide some COVID-19 updates. Our last COVID vaccine clinic was completed on Sunday, February 28th! For those persons that had a vaccine exclusion criteria such as receiving the BAM infusion, Hancock County Public Health will be coming on Monday, April 5th at 10:00 to administer the Moderna vaccine to those who consent to it. I will hand out the vaccine information and consent forms to those persons, remind them of the vaccination date as it gets closer, and notify them of when the second dose will be scheduled.

Our salon has reopened! Tenants have received information on how to contact the stylists to directly set up their hair appointments.

Now that most persons at the Summit House have had the opportunity to get COVID vaccine and our county positivity rate has remained very low, we feel we've done what we can to protect our tenants from the virus. Please see page 2 of this letter for more explanation. Below is a chart to help clarify when a quarantine would and would not apply. I know our quarantine status has been sources of much frustration over the last year and I am hoping this information will provide a source of some relief.

Quarantine Applies	No-Quarantine Applies
After an ER visit that is 23 hours or greater in length. An example of this would be a person is kept in the ER for observation.	After an ER visit that is less than 23 hours in length
When a tenant who hasn't had COVID returns from hospitalization	When a tenant who's recovered from COVID within the last 90 days returns from hospitalization
When a tenant who hasn't had COVID nor received the second COVID vaccine >14 days ago	When a tenant who's had COVID within the last 90 days goes out for an off-site visit
For any tenant with COVID-19 symptoms, regardless of vaccine status and/or history of COVID	After scheduled medically necessary appointments such as a doctors' office, dental exam, or eye appointment
For any tenant with COVID-19 exposure, regardless of vaccine status and/or history of COVID	After compassionate care visits
	After chat box visits
	After in-apartment visits for persons who qualify

*If the county positivity is >10%, visits may be restricted, and quarantine rules may change at the discretion of the Summit House.

- COVID screenings will be performed once a day as long as not in outbreaks status. COVID testing may be done at the discretion of the Summit House.
- We ask that you please let us know in advance of any outings so we can plan to screen the tenant into the building upon their return.
- Upon arrival, visitors will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19. Staff will check a temperature and ask a series of questions regarding symptoms. A log will be kept of visits. We will no longer be doing screenings at the end of the visits.
- All visitors will need to sign a copy of the visiting guidelines when you come for your next scheduled visit.
- To check the county positivity rate please utilize the following link:
 - [Iowa COVID-19 Information - Percent School District Positive Analysis](#)
 - Please remember, this number can fluctuate day-to-day. You can check the positivity rate using the following link prior to coming for a visit.
- Hand sanitizer must be used at the beginning and end of the visit.
- No pets allowed for visits.
- Tenants may choose who they allow to visit them following the listed restrictions based on the type of visit.
- We ask that you monitor for signs and symptoms of respiratory infection for at least 14 days after you visit. If symptoms occur, self-isolate at home, contact your healthcare provider, and immediately notify the Summit House of the date you visited and the individuals you were in contact with.

	Chatbox Visits	Compassionate Care Visits	Off-Site Visits	In-Apartment Visits
Allowed for	Any person not in quarantine	Allowed for any person with a qualifying and approved physical, mental, and/or emotional need	Tenants who have had COVID within the last 90 days and/or the second dose of the COVID vaccine > days ago	Tenants who are not in quarantine, have had COVID within the last 90 days, and/or the second dose of the COVID vaccine > days ago
County Positivity	Allowed when county positivity is <10%	Is not dependent on county positivity	At the tenant's discretion but would be discouraged if the county positivity is >10%	Allowed when county positivity is <10%
Number of visitors	2 adults	Up to 4 persons at the tenant's discretion	At the tenant's discretion	Up to 4 persons at the tenants discretion
Masks	Required for visitors; recommended for tenants.	Required for visitors; recommended for tenants.	Recommended for tenants and their visitors.	Required for visitors; recommended for tenants.
Social Distancing	Required	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended
How to Schedule	Call 641-843-3333 to schedule	Call 641-843-3334 to discuss the need with a nurse	Please let Summit House staff know when you plan to leave/return so we are aware and can screen you in upon returning	Call 641-843-3333 to schedule

*Remember that if the Summit House were to be in outbreak status again (3 or more tenants/staff with COVID), the only visit that would be allowed are compassionate care visits and off-site visits would be discouraged.

While the risk has been lowered by having COVID-19 and receiving had the vaccines, there is still a risk. It will be up to each tenant and their family to make the decision that is best for them. I would still encourage you to wear a mask and maintain social distancing for off-site visits as well as limiting the number of persons.

Please contact with me during office hours, M-F, 8-4 with questions/concerns at 641-843-3334.

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