



March 17, 2021

Dear Union Grove Members, Friends, and Family:

Today, I am excited to share the good news that we have all been waiting for. First, we have no active positive cases of COVID-19 on campus. And second, we have received guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that we are now allowed to provide in-room visits using protective protocols!

Beginning **Monday, March 22, 2021**, you will be able to visit your member in their room. More details about what to expect for your visit (scheduling, screening, etc.) will follow as we put all the protocols in place to ensure that we meet the requirements for safe visits as outlined by CMS.

This is all possible because of the hard work, dedication and vigilance of our staff, our members, and you! To qualify for these types of visits, our facility must meet standards including a low community positivity rate, limited facility (staff and member) positive cases, and a high vaccination rate. Let us make sure we continue to do all we can to ensure that we can continue to have these types of visits indefinitely. I strongly urge you to be vaccinated against COVID-19 when you are eligible.

We have all been waiting for the day when we could all be back together again, and it has finally arrived after a roller coaster year. We mourn those we have lost and keep them close in our hearts. We will remember them as we begin to once again welcome visitors back into our buildings. We are thrilled our members can visit with their loved ones in person.

But, please, continue to exercise caution. We do not want to put any of our members at risk during these visits. We need everyone to still stay home as much as possible, wear a mask when out, remain six feet away from others, and frequently wash your hands. We can do this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erin Johnston'.

Erin Johnston
Commandant