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#### COVID 19 PROTOCOL UPDATE #14

Below are updated Solvere protocols based on the progression of the disease, CDC guidelines, and high vaccination rates in each community.

Continue to defer to the community state and local department of health guidance pertaining to protocols.

Contact the Covid19 Response Team at [covid19response@solveresl.com](mailto:covid19response@solveresl.com) for all communications and any questions.

***The protocols below are effective immediately.***

#### FACE MASKS:

- At this time, the risk of spreading the Covid 19 virus remains a risk, however, based on the overall vaccination rate of residents and team members of 96%, the mask requirement for team members is no longer required. ([Updated 5/25/22](#))
- Any team member may choose to continue to wear a mask if this is their preference. ([Updated 5/25/22](#))
- Refer to and follow your state and local guidelines on mask wearing in the community. ([Updated 5/25/22](#))
- Any community in outbreak status must wear surgical or N95 masks until they are no longer considered to be in outbreak. Per the CDC, outbreak is defined as 1 or more individuals who reside or work in the community have tested positive. Please consult with the Covid-19 Response Team if there are concerns acquiring the necessary face masks.
- All residents are strongly encouraged to wear face masks when a community is experiencing a Covid outbreak, regardless of vaccine status.
- Positive residents and the team members providing care or support to the positive residents must wear a N95 mask during the time care or services are rendered.
- Vaccination status cannot be a required question to answer when visitors are entering the community, unless mandated by the community state and/or local department of health. ([Updated 5/25/22](#))
- Visitors are encouraged but not required to wear a mask after signing into the community. ([Updated 5/25/22](#))
- Masking protocols will change and vary based on the county positivity rate. ([Updated 5/25/22](#))

## SCREENING:

- Anyone entering the community must be screened for exposure, symptoms and have their temperature and recorded. If anyone answers “yes” to any screening question or has a temperature greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, they will need to wear a mask and receive a negative rapid test prior to entering the community. ([Updated 5/25/22](#))
- Each community must set up a process to have designated individuals alerted if anyone answers “yes” to a screening question or has a temperature greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit.
- If using Accushield the GM, WD and at least one other individual designated by the GM must be placed into the Accushield system to be alerted if anyone signing in answers “Yes” to a symptom or exposure question or if their temperature is greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit.
- If using paper sign in logs, the GM, WD and at least one other individual designated by the GM must be alerted by concierge if anyone signing in answers “yes” to a symptom or exposure question or if their temperature is greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit
- If the GM, WD, other designee or concierge are not present in the community, an individual who will monitor the screening answers must be designated prior to the beginning of that shift.

## NEW MOVE INS

- Any new resident moving into the community who is not vaccinated must present with a negative PCR or rapid test within 72 hours of move in.
- If a resident (vaccinated or unvaccinated) presents with Covid symptoms on the day of move in, they must be rapid tested prior to moving in and wear a mask for the first 5 days of move in. ([Updated 5/25/22](#))
- New move ins who are unvaccinated or symptomatic (vaccinated or unvaccinated) must:
  - Be monitored daily for symptoms
  - Be tested for Covid using a rapid or PCR test on their 5<sup>th</sup> day after move in. ([Updated 5/25/22](#))
- If the resident is positive for signs or symptoms of Covid or they are not wearing the proper mask in communal areas, they will be required to quarantine for the remainder of their first 5 days of move in.

## OUTSIDE VENDORS/MOVERS

- All outside vendors and movers are required to screen upon entry and use hand sanitizer.

- They are encouraged to bring an N95 mask but are permitted to wear a surgical mask when providing direct assistance to the resident. A regular cloth mask is not permitted.
- Health care support services such as Rehab may be provided in common areas such as the fitness center or ambulation in the hallways when necessary and are to follow their plan of care for the resident
- Outside vendors must follow any additional specific state or local guidance for visitors

### EXPOSED RESIDENTS:

Unvaccinated residents and vaccinated residents that have not received a booster shot must:

- Quarantine for 5 days followed by strict N95 face mask use for an additional 5 days.
- Take a Covid test 5 days after exposure or 5 days after their initial negative test.
- If the resident is unable to quarantine and is asymptomatic, they must wear an N95 masks at all times when around others for 10 days from their exposure date.
- If a resident is symptomatic or tests positive, they **must** quarantine to avoid transmitting the virus to others.
- Monitor resident for symptoms daily using the individualized resident screening tool for the duration of their quarantine.

If a resident has received a booster, completed their vaccine series with Pfizer or Moderna the resident must:

- Wear a surgical or N95 mask around others for 10 days, but they are not required to quarantine.
- Quarantine and test right away if the resident develops symptoms.
- If no symptoms have developed, test on day 5 to confirm they are negative and continue to wear the mask for the remaining 5 days.

### COVID 19 POSITIVE RESIDENTS:

COVID positive residents, regardless of vaccine status must:

- Isolate for 5 days.
- If they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving and they are without fever for 24 hours, they can come out of quarantine after 5 days. But they must wear a N95 masks when around others for an additional 5 days after that.
- Monitor resident for symptoms every 8 hours if asymptomatic. ([Updated 5/25/22](#))

## EXPOSED TEAM MEMBERS:

Team members who have not received their booster or who are unvaccinated (even if they have been positive in the last 90 days), must:

- Stay out of work for 10 days.
- If the team member tests negative on day 5-7 after exposure, they may return to work after 7 days. The negative test must be taken within 48 hours prior to returning to work.
- If this creates a significant staffing concern for the community, the team member may be approved to continue working, but they must wear an N95 mask and negative test via a rapid or PCR test on days 1, 2, 3, and 5-7 (total of 4 tests). **This MUST be approved by the Covid-19 response team prior to returning the team member to work.**

Boosted team members who have been exposed and are asymptomatic have:

- No work restrictions.
- They must receive a and negative test on day 2 and once again between days 5 – 7
- The team member must wear a N95 mask for 10 days.

## COVID 19 POSITIVE TEAM MEMBERS:

Team members who test positive via a PCR or rapid test, regardless of vaccine status, must:

- Stay out of work for 10 days.
- They may return earlier only if they test negative using a PCR test after 7 days and within 48 hours prior to returning to work. To return, the team member must also be asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic with symptoms improving and have no fever for at least 24 hours.
  - **It is not necessary to re-test any team member after they have received an initial positive rapid or PCR test except for the possibility of returning them to work after 7 days.**
  - If this creates a significant staffing concern for the community, the team member may be restricted from work for 5 days instead and wear an N95 mask for an additional 5 days after their return. However, they must also be asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic with symptoms improving and no fever for at least 24 hours. **This MUST be approved by the Covid-19 Response Team prior to the team member returning to work.**
  - **Any positive team member re-testing to return to work early must have a PCR test. A rapid test will not be accepted.**

**Note: When determining the onset of symptoms or disease:**

- For those who are positive:
  - The first day of symptom onset is considered day 0
  - For those who are asymptomatic, the first positive test is considered day 0.
- For those who are exposed:
  - The first day of exposure is considered day 0

**VISITORS, ACTIVITY PROGRAMS, TOURS AND DINING ROOM:**

- All visitors are required to sign in and answer the signs, symptoms and exposure question.
- Visitors of all ages are permitted to come into the community after screening ([Updated 5/25/22](#))
- Visitors under the age of 5 years old are strongly encouraged to wear a mask ([Updated 5/25/22](#))
- Salus and Valeo programming may continue in group and individual settings indoors and outdoors ([Updated 5/25/22](#))
- Dining rooms are open for meals and guests may dine with their loved ones in the dining room ([Updated 5/25/22](#))
- Any changes required to these programs or practices will be evaluated and determined by the Covid-19 Response Team on an individual basis based on positive cases and outbreaks at each community ([Updated 5/25/22](#))
- If the community state, county or local department of health requires changes to any of the above practices, the Covid-19 Response Team must be informed immediately via the covid19response email with a “CC” to your RVP.

**BOOSTER CLINICS:**

- Booster clinics must be scheduled for all residents and team members
- Communities must contact their Omnicare Account Manager to organize 2<sup>nd</sup> booster clinics or arrange for residents and team members to get boosted ([Updated 5/25/22](#))

**WEEKLY TESTING**

- Continue to obtain testing kits in preparation for unscheduled testing needs within the community of its team members or residents and team members during an outbreak ([Updated 5/25/22](#))

## DOCUMENTATION OF VACCINATION BOOSTERS AND TESTING RESULTS

- All team member and resident vaccination and booster shot information and dates must be documented in ALIS in the Covid Center.
- All team member and resident testing results must be documented in ALIS in the Covid center
- Copies of vaccination cards and testing results must be maintained and uploaded to the Covid Center in ALIS

## COUNTY POSITIVITY RATES (Updated 5/20/22)

- Each community must follow their specific county positivity rate on a weekly basis.
- County positivity rates must be documented on the **Weekly Covid-19 Positive Case Tracker for Residents** on a weekly basis (*new column added to Smartsheet*).
- Mask wearing, symptom screening, dining and programming, visitation, and testing protocols may change based on each county positivity rate.
- If the community county positivity rate reaches red at any time, the community team members and all visitors will be required to wear surgical masks at all times.
- Email the Covid-19 Response Team email ([covid19response@solveresl.com](mailto:covid19response@solveresl.com)) immediately if the community county positivity rate reaches yellow or red.

## COVID TRACKER:

- Covid Tracker Smartsheets provide the numerical information of positive residents and team members as well as numerical information regarding the vaccination and booster status of residents and team members. **NOTE: All (3) three Covid trackers must be updated every week by EOB Monday.**

### **Notification of Resident or Team Members who are Covid positive or exposed:**

The community must inform the following groups below if a resident or team member has tested positive:

- The Covid-19 Response Team via email to: [covid19response@solveresl.com](mailto:covid19response@solveresl.com)
- The local department of health
- The community licensing agency (frequency dependent upon the state the community is located).

The community must inform the following group below if a resident or team member has been exposed:

- The Covid-19 Response Team via email to: [covid19response@solveresl.com](mailto:covid19response@solveresl.com)

## Required Notification Information

When notifying the Covid-19 Response Team of an exposed or positive team member or resident, the following information must be included in the email:

### **Positive/Exposed Team Member:**

- Team Member Name and Position
- Last day of work in the community
- Symptomatic or Asymptomatic
- Vaccine status (unvaccinated, vaccinated, and booster)
- Exposure date
- Positive test information (date, rapid, or PCR). Send test results with email when possible.
- Is team member positive from exposure at the community or from exposure outside of work, to the extent we can determine that
- If work related exposure, was it a resident or other team member they were exposed to?
- Were any residents or other team members exposed?
- Most recent and the next scheduled date of community wide testing due to positive or exposure

### **Positive/Exposed Resident:**

- Name of Resident
- Apartment number
- Exposure date or Positive test date
- Other positive residents near resident's apartment
- If positive resident, results of contact tracing for other potentially exposed residents
- Symptomatic or Asymptomatic
- Vaccine status (unvaccinated, vaccinated and booster)
- Most recent and the next scheduled date of community wide testing due to positive or exposure