



+ Vaccinated or Not, We are All Family

EVERYONE IS WELCOME. PERIOD.

As you all know from the many communications as of late, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) continues to update its recommendations for those individuals vaccinated and unvaccinated against COVID-19. That guidance is then used as the basis for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) to create regulations for our Communities.

In our licensed areas – *Assisted Living, Skilled Nursing and Memory Support* – LifeStream is required to adhere to the CMS and ADHS regulations. As such, we will continue to require masks to be worn to communal activities and dining, regardless of vaccination status. We will provide more information about the impact of the vaccine on our policies in our licensed areas in the days to come.

In our Independent Living communities, we offer, and most always highly-recommend, best practices for everyone’s health and well-being. We have carefully followed the recommendations of the CDC, and it has served us well throughout the very challenging past year. Following the recommendations was not always easy for anyone, Associates and Residents alike. We know not everyone agreed with the various precautions that we took. We remain grateful that our Residents, and our Associates supported those decisions.

And now we come to the matter of vaccinations, and the divergence of guidance for those who are vaccinated and for those who are not. Once again, we are following the guidance being issued by the CDC, CMS and ADHS. LifeStream has respected and continues to respect our Resident’s and Associate’s right to make that very individual decision. We know there are a multitude of reasons why someone may choose not to be vaccinated. It is everyone’s right to choose.

Because we respect that right, there will be no “vaccinated” vs. “unvaccinated” activities or gatherings allowed at any of our Independent Living Community gathering areas. Everyone is welcome. Period. The CDC guidance states that

those who are unvaccinated should continue to wear a mask, and that those who are vaccinated may choose to wear a mask or to not wear a mask. Either way, you are welcome at all community activities. If you have an experience contrary to this, please notify your Community's Executive Director immediately.

We will continue to make the COVID-19 vaccine available as we can, to all who are interested in receiving it. We ask that you please respect the choices of your neighbors and friends who have chosen not to be vaccinated. We are all family at LifeStream, and we want to continue to encourage Communities of acceptance, respect and love.

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