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We continue to monitor this ever-changing environment and work to take necessary precautions to keep our community healthy and safe amid growing concerns over the spread of COVID-19.

We continue to **restrict visitors to our health center**, except when there is an expectation of end-of-life care, based on a directive from the CT Department of Public Health.

Also, we have made some changes within our community to adhere to social distancing with regards to communal dining:

- All skilled nursing residents and post-acute patients are dining in their private rooms. If they require assistance, they are dining according to social distancing protocols in the dayrooms, supervised by staff
- Assisted living residents are dining according to social distancing protocols in their respective dining rooms
- The Burkholder Restaurant and Café in our Independent Living community remains closed and residents are encouraged to place their carry-out meal orders for lunch and dinner

Additional precautions have also been put in place including:

- We've enhanced our health screening for employees to include taking temperatures at the start of every shift to monitor for fevers
- Resident room renovation projects have been put on hold
- Hair Salons and Barber Shop are closed
- Essential medical personnel and essential contractors/vendors are permitted in the building after being screened at the front entrance

As a reminder, amidst the practice of social distancing, every resident and patient is invited to communicate with family and friends **via Skype and FaceTime** and *we have staff available to help facilitate those interactions.*

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work together to take necessary precautions to keep our community healthy and safe.

If you do have any questions, please call 860-658-3700.

For more information on the Coronavirus, visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)