
August 13th, 2021

Dear Residents, Families, and Associates of Byron Park,

From the inception of the pandemic our method has been to take a collaborative, mindful, and staged approach with the health and well-being of our residents and associates and Byron Park families as our priority.

As of today, Contra Costa County has a Covid19 positivity rate of 7%. Due to this uptick in cases in our greater county, Byron Park has made the decision to continue weekly testing for all associates, residents, private duty care providers and routine contractors as a proactive measure against the delta variant. We also encourage residents to request for vaccinated personnel when partnered with essential medical providers such as visiting physical therapists, occupational therapists, home health aides and visiting nurses.

We have also made a preemptive decision in our masking requirements as the transmissibility of the Delta variant is still of concern. We are now requiring all associates and visitors (family or working visitors) of Byron Park to wear a surgical mask for the entire duration of their time at Byron Park. Higher grade masks are the only acceptable alternative, which includes KN95 or N95's. Admittance to the community will not be permitted if these requirements are not met. Surgical masks are available for your use at the front desk. Residents may continue to wear cloth masks; masks are required indoors in common areas when not actively eating or drinking. Residents are not required to wear masks outdoors.

As a reminder our organization due to the significant impact of the pandemic has made the decision to require Covid19 vaccinations for all associates. Byron Park is grateful to share our associates are committed to the health and safety of those we serve and 99% of the community associates are fully vaccinated and only 1 associate awaits their second vaccine dose. Additionally, 98% of our residents are also fully vaccinated.

While very few, we do have residents who have chosen not to vaccinate for health, religious or personal reasons. Due to resident rights and privacy standards, Byron Park will not share resident vaccination status with other residents. Byron Park does not require vaccination for incoming or current residents but will continue to educate on the benefits of being vaccinated.

Byron Park is pleased to offer peace of mind through our screening and testing practices, and we are absolutely delighted to see so many friends and family members joining our wellness events, dining, and imbibing with us in our dining room and visiting their loved ones in their homes!

As a reminder, vaccinated visitors can visit with no restrictions including overnight guest stays. Due to the high volume of visitors and shift changes within our team throughout the day, you are required to show proof of your COVID19 vaccination card every time you sign in for a visit. If you do not have your vaccination card or photo proof of vaccination you will not be allowed to visit the community. Due to HIPPA standards we are unable to retain copies of your vaccination card at this time.

To support our unvaccinated and untested visitors our socially distant visitation station remains open in the bistro daily by reservation only.

Unvaccinated visitors who complete a saliva PCR COVID19 test and COVID19 screening with us (Sensiva Labs) can join in community events, dining and visit resident apartments. Overnight guest stays are not permitted for unvaccinated individuals. Once the negative test result is received you have 24 hours to visit Byron Park.

As a friendly reminder, masking indoors is required for all visitors unless actively eating or drinking. All visitors ages 12+ are required to provide documentation of vaccine or test in advance. Children 2+ are required to wear a mask for the duration of their visit. Children who are unable to test or be vaccinated may not participate in activities that require them to remove their mask.

Our approach will remain focused on a balance in safety and providing an engaging lifestyle. We will continue to evaluate and adjust our protocols and testing cadence as the covid19 landscape evolves with this new variant. If you have questions, suggestions, kudos or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your continued partnership and helping keeping Byron Park a safe bubble.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Pastora, Executive Director



Photo example of a properly fitted surgical mask