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Dear Magnolia Glen Residents and Families,

Many of you have read about the rise in COVID cases due to the Delta variant, and naturally, you have questions. Here are a few key facts about this variant of concern:

- Delta is transmitted at more than twice the rate of the “original” coronavirus. Last year, a positive individual would pass the disease to 2.5 people. With Delta, that number averages more than 5 people infected for each positive individual.
- Someone positive for Delta generates 1,000 times more viral material than an individual who tested positive with last year’s coronavirus.
- The Delta variant can be transmitted by a vaccinated or unvaccinated individual.

...the good news:

- The vaccine is nearly 100% effective at preventing serious injury or death from COVID/Delta.
- You are 8 times less likely to contract COVID (or Delta) if you are vaccinated!

While most residents and associates are vaccinated, we must do everything we can to protect those among us who are unable to be vaccinated or have compromised health conditions. The Delta variant is the most serious version of COVID that we have faced, and its prevalence in the broader community is higher than at any time in during this pandemic. **For these reasons, we urge all residents (vaccinated or not) to wear masks when out of your apartment.** Due to the fact residents at Magnolia Glen are highly vaccinated, masks do not need to be worn while dining in the dining rooms. While none of us enjoy wearing masks, the truth is, this is the most effective action we can take to protect each other.

One additional request regarding critical service providers that many of you utilize (Hospice, Home Health, Personal Care Aides, etcetera). It is critical that these individuals be vaccinated for everyone’s protection. The choice to use these services is yours, as is your prerogative to require that these service providers only send vaccinated individuals to assist. Please have a conversation with these agencies to ensure that they only send vaccinated individuals into our community.

Sincerely,

Jaime Pacheco  
Executive Director