

## **PLEASE READ... Sept 9, 2021, BETHANY MANOR UPDATE REGARDING REVISED REGULATIONS IN RESPONSE TO INCREASED COVID NUMBERS**

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You are receiving this communication because you are a resident of Bethany, or you have provided, and/or a Bethany resident(s) has provided your email address as they have identified you as their family/friend contact person.

The increased numbers of COVID cases, primarily due to the Delta variant, have caused us to bring in additional regulations to make our community as safe as is reasonably possible. The provincial government is not providing the guidance that they have previously and so we are left to determine the best course of action within our context. COVID numbers will be monitored on an ongoing basis, and we will keep you informed of any changes to regulations that pertain to you. The intent is to reduce the transmission of the COVID virus. These regulations, specifically those related to the Dining Room, go into effect on Wednesday morning, September 15, 2021. Please abide by them as much as possible as soon as you receive this information.

Please note the following regulations:

- Non-residents are not permitted to remain in common areas including partaking of dining room meals (effective at breakfast on September 15), attendance at worship services and entering The Nook. Non-residents may continue to visit residents in their suite and outdoor Courtyard but must go directly to the suite and must wear an appropriate face mask (covering mouth and nose) as they travel through common areas. This masking applies to all visitors, vaccinated or not. We will permit service contractors, programming and worship service presenters/leaders who are fully vaccinated to be in common/public spaces so that normal services and programming for residents is not unduly disrupted.
  - This will implicate facility rentals that may have been booked with the anticipation of outside guests. Non-resident guests are not permitted with this regulation. We are sorry for this inconvenience.
  - Non-residents going to any of our commercial tenants and service providers must also wear masks and go directly to that establishment without lingering in common areas.
- All residents utilizing the Dining Room must be fully vaccinated and may be asked to show evidence of that (effective breakfast on September 15). Please have your vaccination cards/records ready.
  - If you are a meal pass holder, including for assisted living meals, and are not fully vaccinated, please speak in confidence with Jennifer Bulka at 306-380-7920 for meal arrangements.
- As stipulated, since July 11, fully vaccinated residents are free to continue wearing masks and are encouraged to do so during this time. All staff will resume wearing masks as they did prior to July 11. Non-vaccinated residents must continue to wear masks in our indoor common areas. We continue to strongly encourage all residents to get vaccinated. We respect the right of individuals regarding vaccination choices, please also respect our right, as an organization, to establish regulations in effort to keep our community as safe as is reasonably possible. If you want to get vaccinated, please call your pharmacy or the Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy at 306-242-0222. Press option #2 if you want to speak to someone.
- We strongly recommend that residents mindfully reduce their contact outside of Bethany during this current state of increased COVID cases. Practice social distancing and hand hygiene.

Thanks to all residents, supporters, and staff for their ongoing diligence to keep our community as safe as is reasonably possible. May God bless us and keep us.

Bethany Manor Management