

February 21, 2022

Dear Residents and Families,

Governor Hochul a few weeks ago has lifted the indoor mask mandate for New York State. Many residents and family members wanted to know why here at Asbury we were still wearing masks when the Governor lifted the mandate. When we heard that the mask requirements were lifted, we had many concerns. One of our main concerns was the accuracy of the positivity COVID rate. The public has more access to COVID home testing kits, and if they test positive they are not reporting that result to New York State or Erie County Health Departments. We wanted to monitor weekly the hospitalization rates once the public was not wearing masks.

Observing the hospitalization rates along with the positivity rates in Erie County, we feel that we can safely remove masks when in the hall for residents and visitors. Unvaccinated visitors must still wear masks when at Asbury. All staff will continue to wear masks at this time until we have a clear picture of who is vaccinated.

We will also allow visitors back in the dining rooms starting Thursday, February 24th. When you make reservations for guests, you will be asked if they are vaccinated. Unfortunately, unvaccinated guests at this time will not be allowed in the dining room.

Our number one priority has been and always will be the health and safety of our residents. This is great news as we move closer to normalcy, but with the understanding that if another wave of COVID should hit again we may be back to wearing masks. We want to thank everyone for their cooperation over the past 2 years.

Sincerely,



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