



At home in Camden

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TO: Residents and Family Members

FROM: Loriman Looke, Executive Director and Administrator

Again this month, I have encouraging news for everyone with an interest in what's happening at the Anderson Inn.

First, I'm pleased to report that our second COVID-19 vaccination clinic on February 4 was a success. Most Inn residents have now received both of the required two shots of the Moderna vaccine, as has a majority of our care team members.

Second, because we have had no recent COVID diagnoses among care team members or residents of the building, and because the transmission rate within Knox County has fallen into the "low" range, Maine CDC guidelines allow for the relaxation of some COVID-related restrictions in the Anderson Inn, particularly those affecting resident activities and visitation.

In the coming days, we intend to reintroduce activities that can be done while following standard masking and social-distancing protocols. Residents, please watch for announcements as to what to look forward to in your part of the building.

Beginning March 1, barring any concerning developments within the building or in Knox County, we plan to resume indoor visitation. As with window visits, indoor visits will be scheduled and conducted under controlled conditions to ensure safety, but they will give residents and their loved ones a chance to see one another in person and in a comfortable, heated space. We are working on a separate communication, to be sent to both residents and families, which will outline the specifics.

To residents, I know that many of you are eager to resume communal dining. Current guidelines do allow for this but require that it be done in a COVID-safe manner that includes a minimum of at least six feet between diners. As such, residents from different apartments would not be able to eat at the same table and would need to maintain social distancing.

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We are working on the logistics involved in operating this sort of dining program. Please bear with us; we'll let you know when we have more information to share.

Finally, we know residents are also eager for the reopening of the Beauty Salon / Barber Shop. We are discussing how this can be done while adhering to COVID safety protocols and will communicate when additional information is available.