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Dear St. John's Residents and Family Members,

As you may be aware, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released earlier this week a set of updated guidelines for people who have been fully vaccinated. While it will take time for these new guidelines to be incorporated into the New York State Department of Health guidelines, which St. John's Home is mandated to follow, we have provided below some highlights of recently implemented changes impacting visitation with residents and related activities.

### **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Infection Control**

As a health care facility, despite CDC-lifting of masks in outdoor, small setting interactions, the use of PPE at St. John's Home is still required. Wearing of masks and goggles; maintaining social distancing; and frequent hand hygiene remain critically important when interacting with residents regardless of the setting.

### **Family Transport to Appointments**

Family members are now permitted to transport residents to appointments in a personal vehicle. These types of requests should be coordinated with neighborhood secretaries to ensure alignment with schedules. Advanced planning is needed also in order to make considerations for medical and physical therapy needs.

### **Taking Residents Outside, Including Off-Campus Destinations**

Loved ones taking residents outdoors to the surrounding grounds and parks is permitted and encouraged. For these types of outings, masks and eye protection are recommended as well as practicing social distancing. Outings, such as shopping, going for a drive, or taking your loved one to a personal residence, must be coordinated through neighborhood secretaries. The testing of all individuals participating in the outing, including those who may be visiting with the resident, is encouraged. Social distancing; wearing masks and eye protection; and practicing frequent hand hygiene is also strongly recommended. Please note that if the visit is to be for more than 24 hours, additional planning is required. Arrangements regarding a possible quarantine for the resident upon return will be determined by an interdisciplinary team of care providers. Advanced planning is needed also in order to make considerations for medical and physical therapy needs.

With this notice, we are also pleased to share information we have received from festival planners regarding the 2021 Lilac Festival. The dates of the festival are as follows: the weekends of May 7-9, May 14-16, and May 21-23. As in previous years, Highland Avenue will have road closures on these days that impact the entrance of St. John's Home. If you have a scheduled visit on any of the days noted above, you must pick up a 2021 Purple Parking Pass from St. John's in order to be allowed to access areas past the road barricades. Highland Avenue may only be entered from South Avenue during the time of the road closure. 2021 Purple Parking Passes are available at the Protective Services Window in the South Building. You may be interested in knowing that the festival is expected to be much smaller than in past years and will not include food trucks, live bands, a beer tent, and a large number of vendors. Only a limited number of kids' rides, a farmer's market and plant stand, a merchandise stand, and one tent for food and drink, which requires advanced reservations, are planned for the festival. If you would like to take your loved one to view the lilac gardens, there is a path directly accessible from our parking lot, which can be used to tour the grounds with wheelchairs.

Thank you for your continued patience as we together navigate the reopening process.

Sincerely,

President and CEO

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