



This message is going to residents and family members who have opted to receive email communications.

Dear Residents & Family Members,

As we continue our journey through the pandemic, our response must evolve in order to reflect the latest science and guidance by the CDC and CMS that is appropriate for our setting. The screening process has served us well since its implementation a year ago.

**Today, I'm announcing updates coming to the screening questions. The new questions will go live at 8 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, April 15.** The updated questions apply to all associates, vendors/contractors, visitors and, as appropriate, residents.

- ***Important note:*** The process to respond to the questions is not changing -- your current community screening process remains the same. For those using the online screening form version, it can be accessed via the community operations pages on our website here, <https://www.asbury.org/family-and-friends-updates>, and directly here, <https://bit.ly/AsburyEntryPass>.

As a reminder, the community screening process is a critical line of defense for each Asbury location and is one area of special importance to keep current. *Our updated screening questions look to identify the highest risk situations. We recognize the significance of COVID-19 vaccinations but also know there is still risk. Even after vaccination someone can test positive and possibly transmit the*

virus. We also know the current trends in cases show a possible fourth wave starting. And we don't fully understand the impact the variants may have. Therefore, our diligence remains around the screening process.

## **Here are updates and reminders about the screening questions:**

- The new screening questions go live at 8 a.m. Thursday.
- **For those who will use the online form, the flow of the questions will operate a little differently. Instead of a long scroll, questions will appear one by one.**
- Please note: On the online screening form dropdown, there are two relevant options for you to select:
  - Residential Living Residents & Visitors
  - Health Care Center, Skilled Nursing, Assisted Living, Personal Care Residents & Visitors
- **Travel-related considerations:**
  - **For residents:** If you plan to travel, be sure that you follow any mandated travel restrictions prior to your return. Check with an appropriate associate on any additional quarantine or testing recommendations.
  - **For visitors:** Consider any risk associated with travel and ensure any travel restrictions are followed.
  - This document is available for you to review to help you accurately answer any questions related to your travel, <https://bit.ly/AsburyTravelInfo>.

## **Other important screening process considerations to know:**

- **For Residents:**
  - Please self-quarantine at home if you are feeling ill and notify an appropriate associate so we can support you. Please do not go to public spaces in the community.
  - Please self-quarantine if you have a COVID-19 test pending, unless it is for a pre-medical procedure routine screening or required pre-travel screening.
  - Self-quarantine after any potential exposure and contact an appropriate associate to support you. Additional quarantine may be recommended based on local regulations and exposure risk.
  
- **For Visitors:**
  - Please do not come to the community if you have been exposed to COVID-19, are feeling ill or have COVID-19 symptoms. Please contact your medical provider and consider getting a COVID-19 test.
  - If you have COVID-19, please do not visit until you fully recover (at least 10 days after symptom onset or positive test).
  - Please do not enter the community if you have a COVID-19 test pending, unless it is for routine work-related screening, a pre-medical procedure routine screening or required pre-travel screening.
  - Please do not visit if you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

As always, these guidelines and recommendations are subject to change based on surrounding community transmission rates, outbreaks or regulations.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of the screening process.

Sincerely,

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