

September 11, 2020

Isabella County Medical Care Facility (ICMCF) COVID-19 Response

To our staff, residents, families and visitors;

As of today, we have no new staff or residents with positive COVID-19 test results.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services announced yesterday that nursing homes and residential care facilities can allow outdoor visits with residents.

Facilities must meet criteria specified in the order, including having had no new COVID-19 cases among residents or staff within the previous 14 days.

Facilities must, among other things:

- Permit visits by appointment only.
- Limit the number of visitors during each scheduled visit to two people or less.
- Exclude visitors who cannot or will not wear a face covering during the entire visit.
- Require visits to maintain social distancing.
- Limit the number of overall visitors at the facility at any given time based upon space limitations, infection control capacity and other appropriate factors to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.
- Prohibit visits to residents who are in isolation or under observation for symptoms of COVID-19

As of today, the first day that ICMCF may be eligible to begin outdoor visits is Thursday, September 17, 2020. We are currently developing a process for facilitating outdoor visits. It will be important to remember these visits are not allowed and may be postponed when the facility is unable to meet all of the criteria for any reason. We are as excited as you are to be allowed to begin these types of visits and will communicate details as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

Sincerely,



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Administrator



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