

March 2021

Dear Residents, Families, and Friends –

It is March 2021... which means it has now been one full year since COVID-19 restrictions first went into place in Skilled Nursing Facilities across the country. At Vincentian de Marillac, through everyone's hard work and dedication, we've been able to buck the national trend and keep this terrible virus away from our residents thus far! However, we cannot let our guard down now. Core Principles such as hand washing, social distancing, and wearing a mask remain imperative to our continued goal of keeping our residents and staff safe.

With infection rates decreasing in the county, and a continued vigilance for safety, we are happy to announce a slow reopening of services and visitation at Vincentian de Marillac this month! Below are the first points of reopening. We will monitor closely for several weeks, and update/amend the reopening with more services and visitation options as safely appropriate. Please see the insert for detailed information as to each area of reopening.

BEAUTY SHOP

Reopening Monday, March 1, 2021

SOCIAL VISITATION

Reopening Thursday, March 4, 2021

Please read this portion of the insert carefully. All visitors will be required to have a negative COVID test prior to visitation. VDM will supply this test while supplies are adequate to do so.

MASS AND INTERFAITH SERVICES

Reopening week of March 8, 2021

OUTSIDE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

Reopening week of March 8, 2021

We look forward to seeing you soon! If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Hillary Butts, NHA

Administrator 412-924-1911



VINCENTIAN DE MARILLAC

Ministry of the Vincentian Collaborative System





- 3/3 Mosusu Mukwita (Staff)
- 3/6 Debra Bruno (Staff)
- 3/7 Jeremia Hobdy (Staff)
- 3/7 Michelle Johnson (Staff)
- 3/7 Robin Payne (Staff)
- 3/8 Teresa D'Acunto**
- 3/11 Kenneth Foor (Staff)
- 3/11 Honorine Uwase (Staff)
- 3/12 Ruth Leftwich**
- 3/13 Gina Brown**
- 3/20 Barbara Davis**
- 3/20 Mary Patterson (Staff)
- 3/24 Nicole Jackson (Staff)
- 3/31 Marjorie Banks (Staff)



Events to look forward to:

Monday, March 8th: International Women's Day

- All staff and residents are encouraged to **wear purple** and partake in social activities throughout the day to honor the movement for women's rights; how far its come and how far it still has to go.

Daylight Savings Time

- Don't forget to change your clocks on Sunday, March 14th! Turn your clock one hour ahead to "Spring Forward" into the new season!



Test your luck with guessing how many chocolate coins are in the Leprechaun's jar! Ask Activity Staff for a guessing slip in hopes you get the closest without going over! The jar will be up for display on Wednesday, March 3rd and the winner will be announced Thursday, March 18th.







Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of all the residents we've lost thus far.



"May angels lead them in."



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>7. 11:00 Mass/Communion –1st FL. 1:30-3:00 p.m. Gospel Reading/Rosary</p>	<p>1. 11:00 Holy Communion –C. 1:30-3:30 Chip It Game 2:00-3:30 Stations of the Cross 4:00 Current Events 2nd FL.</p> <p>INT. WOMEN'S DAY!</p> <p>8. 10:00 Holy Communion-2nd FL. 11:00 Protestant Service-1st FL. 1:30-3:30 Roll & Cover Game 2:00-3:30 Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>2. 11:00 Holy Communion-1st FL. 1:30-3:30 BINGO 2:00-3:30 Stations of the Cross</p> <p>9. 11:00 Mass/Communion-C. 1:30-3:30 BINGO 2:00-3:30 Stations of the Cross 4:00 Virtual Pet Therapy</p>	<p>3. 10:00 Holy Communion-2nd FL. 1:30-3:00 Sit N' Stretch Exercise 2:00-3:30 Stations of the Cross</p> <p>10. 11:00 Mass/Communion-1st FL. 1:30-3:00 Sit N' Stretch Exercise 2:00-3:30 Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>4. 11:00 Holy Communion-C. 1:00 Pastoral Care Visits 1:30-3:30 All Down Game</p> <p>11. 11:00 Mass/Communion-2nd FL. 1:00 Pastoral Care Visits 1:30-3:30 Lucky Stars Game</p>	<p>5. 1:30-3:30 Shamrock Craft Traveling Musician-2nd FL. 6:00 2020 Reminisce-1st FL.</p> <p>12. Traveling Musician-1st FL. 6:00 Nutritional Trivia-2nd FL.</p> 	<p>6. ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK WITH ACTIVITY STAFF FOR UPDATES! SPECIFIC TIMES AND LOCATIONS ARE FOUND ON CHANNEL 3.</p> <p>13. 1:30-3:00 Pi Day Bracelets Manicures Room Visits</p>
<p>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS! 14. 11:00 Mass/Communion-2nd FL. 1:30-3:00 p.m. Gospel Reading/Rosary Traveling Bingo Store-AF</p> <p>21. 11:15 Mass/Communion –C. 1:30-3:00 p.m. Gospel Reading/Rosary</p>	<p>15. 10:00 Holy Communion-C. 11:00 Protestant Service-2nd FL. 1:30-3:30 Chip It Game 2:00-3:30 Stations of the Cross</p> <p>22. 11:00 Protestant Service-C. 11:00 Holy Communion –1st FL. 1:30-3:30 Roll & Cover Game 2:00-3:30 Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>16. 11:00 Mass/Communion-1st FL. 1:30-3:30 Lucky Number Bingo 2:00-3:30 Stations of the Cross</p> <p>23. 11:00 Mass/Communion-2nd FL. 1:30-3:30 BINGO 2:00-3:30 Stations of the Cross 4:00 Virtual Pet Therapy</p>	<p>ST. PATRICK'S DAY! 17. 11:00 Mass/Communion-2nd FL. 1:30-3:00 Sit N' Stretch Exercise 2:00-3:30 Stations of the Cross</p> <p>24. 11:00 Mass/Holy Communion-C. 1:30-3:00 Sit N' Stretch Exercise 2:00-3:30 Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>18. 11:00 Mass/Communion-C. 1:00 Pastoral Care Visits 1:30-3:30 Pokeno Game</p> <p>25. 11:00 Mass/Communion-1st FL. 1:00 Pastoral Care Visits 1:30-3:30 Connect Four Game</p>	<p>19. 1:30-3:30 Eco Friendly Craft Traveling Musician-2nd FL. 6:00 Spring Reminisce-1st FL.</p> <p>26. 1:30-3:30 Manicures-AF Traveling Musician-1st FL. 6:00 Earthly Trivia-2nd FL.</p>	<p>20. Happy Spring</p> <p>27. PASSOVER BEGINS! Leisure activity supplies can be found in the solariums on each resident unit.</p>  
<p>PALM SUNDAY! 28. 11:00 Mass/Communion-2nd FL. 1:30-3:00 p.m. Gospel Reading/Rosary</p>	<p>29. 10:00 Holy Communion –2nd FL. 11:00 Protestant Service-1st FL. 1:30-3:30 Chip It Game 2:00-3:30 Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>30. 11:00 Mass/Communion-C. 1:30-3:30 BINGO 2:00-3:30 Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>31. 11:00 Mass/Communion-1st FL. 1:30-3:00 Sit N' Stretch Exercise 2:00-3:30 Stations of the Cross</p>	 <p>Activities will occur in the hallways of each unit; masks are required while maintaining social distancing. (10 residents per unit.)</p>		

Justification:

Vincentian de Marillac remains clear of any COVID 19 outbreaks, with all units considered to be a “Green Zone” at the time of this writing (2/22/2021). Furthermore, Vincentian de Marillac has completed the allotted three days of onsite COVID 19 Vaccination Clinics through CVS/Walgreens on 1/9/21, 1/30/21, and 2/20/21. Additionally, all staff/residents/outsideers continue to follow CDC/DOH guidelines and mandates on the use of PPE, social distancing, and infection control core principles (ie handwashing). Vincentian de Marillac has also continued to offer end of life/compassionate care visits for those residents who qualify.

Timeline:**Monday, March 1st, 2021:*****Modified in-house Beauty Shop Services resume.***

The Beauty Shop will be open three days/week (less if not needed).

Each resident wing of the facility will be assigned a day for Beauty Shop Services:

Mondays – 1st Floor

Tuesdays – 2nd Floor Solarium Side

Wednesdays – 2nd Floor Chapel Side

VDM will follow the guidance set forth on 10/21/20 “Beautician Services During Pandemic and Modified Activity Procedure During Pandemic”. Residents in isolation will not use beauty shop services at this time.

In addition to the Licensed Beauty Shop Employee, the designated Beauty Shop Volunteer will be permitted to return to VDM to assist in this department. The designated Beauty Shop Volunteer has received both rounds of the COVID 19 vaccine and will be required to follow the same rapid testing guidelines as VDM staff. The designated Beauty Shop Volunteer must complete Infection Control education and adhere to all infection control practices, including mask/face shield, handwashing, and social distancing. These guidelines will be reviewed with the Beauty Shop Volunteers and reinforced by the Activity Director.

Thursday, March 4th:***In-person social visitors resume.***

Social visits from family/friends of residents

At this time, social visits will take place in the 1st Floor Visitation Room.

In-person social visits will take place Monday – Friday.

Visitation times will be 9:30 am, 11am, 1pm, and 2:30pm, and will be 30 minutes in length to allow for disinfection between visitors.

Visits are to be scheduled ahead of time with the Social Worker or Activities Director.

Two visitors at a time are permitted. Visit times may not be split between more than two visitors on any one day.

All family visitors will need to be screened prior to entry, wear masks/face shields, and adhere to core principles of infection control. Families will be informed of specific parking areas and entrances to use. As with the previous re-opening of visitation, each resident will be allotted one visitation every two weeks at this time to allow for all residents to have a chance for visits.

All visitors will be required to show proof of a negative COVID within the past week. VDM will provide COVID testing supplies while are adequate.

Family members requiring testing by the facility (while VDM supplies are adequate) will be escorted to the visitation area and seated behind a Plexiglass barrier until test result is completed/received.

Once negative results are obtained, resident will be escorted into the room and the 30 minute visit will begin. Positive results will require the visit to be cancelled.

Residents in 14-day quarantine (ex: new admissions) will NOT have social visits until their isolation period has ended.

Week of Monday, March 8th, 2021:

Full resumption of outside healthcare providers.

This includes hospice, primary care physicians, ancillary physicians such as care 360 and podiatry. This does NOT include laboratory, but does include X-ray. All providers must follow the guidance set for on 10/21/21 "Outside Healthcare Workers Visits during Pandemic" and "Physician Visits during Pandemic". Telehealth services will still be utilized for those physicians not returning on-site. All PCPs have had vaccination.

Week of Monday, March 8th, 2021:

Start of modified Mass/Christian Worship schedule in the Chapel.

A rotating Mass and Christian service schedule will take place in the Chapel, led by the Pastoral Care Manager. The Clergy members returning to VDM have received both rounds of the COVID 19 vaccine and will be required to follow the same rapid testing guidelines as VDM staff. The Clergy Members must complete Infection Control education and adhere to all infection control practices, including mask/face shield, handwashing, and social distancing. These guidelines will be reviewed with the Clergy Members and reinforced by the Pastoral Care Manager.

VDM will follow the guidance set forth in November 2020:

"Facilitation of Celebrating Holy Mass Protocol Vincentian de Marillac"

"Facilitation of Interdenominational Christian Worship Service Protocol Vincentian de Marillac"
Initially, residents from the same living area (i.e. 1st Floor, 2nd Floor Solarium, 2nd Floor Chapel) will attend services at the same time. This can be modified when deemed safe to do so.