



# Hart Care Center, Inc.

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To Our Patients and Family Members:

The CDC, CMS and DPH recently released updated guidance as the number of fully vaccinated individuals continues to increase and active cases decrease across our nation and state. Just like you, we are optimistic! However, we must also remain vigilant and mindful of our responsibility to promote the safety, health and wellbeing of our patients, staff and visitors. Per the guidelines, our ability to reduce restrictions may continue to fluctuate weekly based upon the county's 14-day COVID-19 positivity rates (classified as Red, Yellow, Green = Goal <10%), the center's level of fully COVID-19 vaccinated patients (Goal >70%), and the presence of any active COVID-19 center cases in the last 14 days.

Currently, our center **does not have any active** COVID patient cases and **82%** of our patients are fully vaccinated. The county's positivity rate is classified as (**yellow**) and it has been 157 days since our last confirmed COVID-19 case. The center is in Phase 2 of DPH reopening with phase 2 being the least restrictive. Based upon updated guidance, here is how to prepare and what to expect for your next center visit...

- Please call (706) 376-7121 (ext. 229) to schedule a 30-minute visitation appointment. We can accommodate up to 2 visitors per appointment.
- Upon arrival, please sign in at our screening area located at [Hall 1 entrance].
- The screening process includes temperature checks, questions and observations for any signs of illness (regardless of vaccination status).
- We will now be requesting information regarding your vaccination status. A copy of your COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card would be helpful in assisting us to make the safest decisions for our patients, staff, and visitors. If the vaccination status is unknown, we will need to follow the safest guidance established for unvaccinated individuals. To be considered fully vaccinated it must be  $\geq 2$  weeks since your 2<sup>nd</sup> dose series or single dose vaccine (J&J).
- Indoor and outdoor visitation areas are available.
- Fully vaccinated visitors and patients may elect not to wear a mask or socially distance only while alone in a designated visitation area. At all other times and regardless of vaccination status, visitors are required to wear a mask and socially distance from other patients or staff.
- In the event either the patient or a visitor are unvaccinated, everyone will be required to wear personal protective equipment and social distance during the visit.

The full DPH Long-Term Care Facility Reopening Guidance is available on our center's website under the COVID-19 Reports & Resources link. We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we continue to carefully monitor and schedule all types of visitation in the weeks ahead. Let us continue to move forward, support one another, and remain optimistic!

Sincerely,

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Administrator

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