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Dear Residents and Family,

This week the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) announced new guidance on **mask wearing for fully vaccinated individuals**. According to the CDC, anyone who is fully vaccinated can participate in indoor and outdoor activities, without wearing a mask or physical distancing. The CDC spokesperson continued saying ***“if you are fully vaccinated, you are protected, and you can start doing the things you stopped doing because of the pandemic.”***

Brewster is adopting this new guidance immediately.

Staff, residents, and guests who are 14 days past their vaccination date are not required to wear their masks or socially distance indoors or outdoors at Brewster Place Independent Living.

Crowded places are still requiring masks, such as public transportation, hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living. **Therefore, masks are still required as follows:**

- **All parties must continue to wear masks when inside Brewster Health Center and Brewster Assisted Living.** Masks will continue to be required in these licensed areas until CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) and KDADS (Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services) have issues specific new regulatory requirements.
- **Staff, residents, and guests who are not vaccinated must continue to wear their masks while indoors.**

Some individuals may still be uncomfortable without their masks in public. We encourage those individuals to seek out the best information on this topic and make the assessment and decision for themselves whether to continue to wear their mask after they have been vaccinated.

Employees will continue to be screened for symptoms before their shift each day.

It's an exciting time and we look forward to seeing everyone's face once again!

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