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**To:** Residents, Family Members, Staff

**Date:** September 16, 2021

Tennessee leads the nation in new COVID-19 cases per capita, new data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found. According to data compiled by The New York Times over the last week, the state has seen an average of over 8,300 new coronavirus infections each day. Health experts believe part of the alarming number has to do with a low rate of vaccinations, particularly among children. [CBS News ~ 9/15/2021]

It appears that the Covid virus is not letting loose of its hold any time soon. As we approach the winter months, we can expect that the number of viral cases (Covid, Influenza, etc.) will only increase. Now we also have the multitude of Covid variants (Delta & Mu being the worst) that are causing more serious cases requiring hospitalizations. Hospitals are overwhelmed nationwide and are begging everyone to become vaccinated sooner than later.

The majority of the residents at Rutland Place are vaccinated, so we feel safe INSIDE the building. We initiated a new mask protocol for all the employees the past couple of weeks, and don't feel we need to become too strict just yet.

However, beginning immediately, we will be requiring that all visitors to the building wear masks while inside Rutland Place. All visitors are cautioned that they must use the kiosk prior to entering, as well. Failure to observe these precautions can be detrimental to the health of one or more of our residents and/or employees.

We also are encouraging all our residents to wear masks whenever they are out and about in town or going to be in a group of 10 or more. Please also remember to wash your hands frequently and maintain a distance of 6' or more from other persons.

It is our hope that we will not find ourselves in a situation requiring full quarantine and will strive to prevent it with your cooperation.

STAY SAFE – OBSERVE ALL VIRUS PREVENTION PROTOCOLS!