

The logo for Arbor Acres features the words "ARBOR" and "ACRES" stacked vertically in a blue, serif font. The text is enclosed within a stylized orange frame consisting of two L-shaped brackets, one at the top-left and one at the bottom-right.

ARBOR ACRES

To: Arbor Acres Families
From: Andrew Applegate, President and CEO
RE: Masking Mandate
Date: July 30, 2021

With the rise of community spread in our area and the recent announcement by the CDC regarding the recommendation that counties with substantial spread have individuals, regardless of vaccination status, wear masks indoors, we have announced today our intention of implementing that recommendation effective 6:00am on July 31, 2021. In addition to this step, I am also requesting your cooperation with the following:

1. All family or visitors (regardless of vaccination status) who are visiting our licensed areas to provide their own mask and wear them at all times. For the sake of clarity, this means that masks are always required when visiting Strickland Place, Asbury Place or Arborview, whether in public areas or in individual rooms. While we have adequate supplies and we have every indication from our suppliers that personal protective equipment (PPE) are readily available, we would ask that you assist us in ensuring that we conserve these valuable resources.
2. I have also informed residents in independent living that they ask family and visitors to wear masks when indoors, whether in their homes or in common areas. Additionally, we are suggesting that residents wear masks when gathering indoors. Unvaccinated residents and their guests, in particular, are **required** to wear masks. At this time we are not under any requirements to limit the size of gatherings so events can proceed as usual, until advised otherwise.

As I shared with you in March of 2020, Arbor Acres is committed to being transparent in all we do, and nowhere more than on issues that impact the health and safety of those we serve. Next week I am meeting with the Resident Council Advisory Committee on COVID-19 to discuss all the tools we have available to us to protect the residents and staff of Arbor Acres. The one thing I can assure you is that the status quo will not remain. As always, we are committed to protecting the health and safety of you and the staff that serves us so well. I will be updating you on this fluid situation in the coming days. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at applegate@arboracres.org or via phone at 336-764-4637.