



GRAND LIVING®

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AT *Lakewood Ranch*

THE USE OF FACIAL COVERINGS

Grand Living is required by Florida Statute 408.824 to post a policy for the use of facial coverings in the Community. The policy includes procedures for Residents, Staff, and Visitors as well as procedures for opting out of facial coverings under certain conditions.

Grand Living requires **Residents** to wear a mask when the resident is in a common area and is exhibiting signs or symptoms of or has been diagnosed with an infectious disease that can be spread through droplet or airborne transmission. A common area is an area within a health care facility/senior living community where residents are not treated, diagnosed, or examined. Residents must be permitted to opt out of wearing facial coverings.

Grand Living requires **Visitors** to wear a facial covering when the visitor is:

- 1) Exhibiting signs or symptoms of or has been diagnosed with an infectious disease that can be spread through droplet or airborne transmission.
- 2) In a sterile area or an area where sterile procedures are being performed.
- 3) In an in-resident or clinical room with a resident who is exhibiting signs or symptoms of or has a diagnosed infectious disease that can be spread through droplet or airborne transmission.
- 4) Visiting a resident who has been determined to have a compromised immune system increasing their risk of infection or whose practitioner has determined a mask is necessary for the resident's safety.
- 5) Visitors must be permitted to opt out of wearing a facial covering.

Grand Living requires **Staff** to wear to wear a facial covering when the staff is:

- 1) Exhibiting signs or symptoms of or has been diagnosed with an infectious disease that can be spread through droplet or airborne transmission.
- 2) In a sterile area or an area where sterile procedures are being performed.
- 3) Providing care in a resident or clinical room with a resident who is exhibiting signs or symptoms of or has a diagnosed infectious disease that can be spread through droplet or airborne transmission.
- 4) Visiting a resident who has been determined to have a compromised immune system increasing their risk of infection or whose practitioner has determined a mask is necessary for the resident's safety.
- 5) Visitors must be permitted to opt out of wearing a facial covering.

Grand Living encourages all residents, visitors, and staff to follow the policies for facial coverings. However, state regulations allow Residents, Visitors, and Staff to opt-out of wearing facial coverings. Residents are permitted to opt out of wearing a facial covering as per the Department of Health Regulation F.S. 381.026, The Patient Bill of Rights, which includes consideration for:

- 1) The resident's right to make decision in an informed manner.
- 2) The resident's right to have their individual dignity respected, and their responsibility to respect the reasonable and responsible expectations of the provider or facility.
- 3) The resident's right to file a complaint with the appropriate agencies.

Grand Living posts this policy in the common area and it is included in the admission package.

Grand Living offerings of alternatives to facial coverings may include outdoor visitation, transparent physical barriers, or other alternative types of facial covering.

Grand Living allows Staff to opt-out of wearing a facial covering unless they are:

- 1) Conducting sterile procedures.
- 2) Working in a sterile area.
- 3) Working with a resident who has been determined to have a compromised immune system increasing their risk of infection or whose practitioner has determined a mask is necessary for the resident's safety.
- 4) With a resident on droplet or airborne isolation.
- 5) Engaging in non-clinical potentially hazardous activities that require facial coverings to prevent physical injury or harm in accordance with industry standards.