



A National Lutheran Community

To: All Residents and Team Members
From: Kyle Hreben, Executive Director
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Subject: COVID-19 update

Memorandum

Last week, we shared a link to The Village at Rockville COVID-19 dashboard that provides specific information on the impact of COVID-19 at our community. The dashboard continues to be updated daily by 4 p.m. and can be found at this [link](#) or also through our COVID-19 update page at www.thevillageatrockville.org/covid-19-updates/.

As we continue reviewing all internal protocols to control the spread of COVID-19 in our Health Center, late last week in partnership with a new private lab provider, we were able to secure testing for all **asymptomatic** direct care team members in our community. This enabled us to further safeguard our community against those who were unknowingly infected with the virus. Our education team continues to provide enhanced instructions for staff on proper use of personal protection equipment, which continues to be the best practice when it comes to protecting our residents.

Even as the State of Maryland has unveiled their roadmap of re-opening the state for business, currently, The Village at Rockville has not made plans to lift restrictions or remove protocols for screening or infection control that have been put into place. We will continue to follow guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and local and state health departments, while we exercise an abundance of caution in safeguarding our community.

With Mother's Day just around the corner, our ConnectedLiving team is planning for your involvement on that special day. Families, keep an eye out for an email later this week asking for personalized video messages that will be shared with your loved one on Mother's Day. The Virtual Visit schedule for Mother's Day will also soon be available.

Fitness and education programming continues to be available through Channel 975, and ConnectedLiving also provides options in gardening, creative expression and word games. This week, Interim Chaplain Trozzo began offering daily devotions at 4 p.m. on Channel 975. Tomorrow, we will celebrate International Dance Day, with Shawn's ChairOne fitness class featuring resident-favorite "Can't Stop the Feeling" by Justin Timberlake. Just thinking of this brings a smile to my face. Next week, our independent living residents will begin a month-long art history virtual series, and in May, we will also host a virtual "paint and sip" gathering for our cottage residents.

As our team continues to work diligently to stop the spread of COVID-19 in the Health Center using all necessary universal precautions, we are also simultaneously engaging with residents to maintain our residents' highest mental and physical being to help protect them from this virus. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement during this time.