



A National Lutheran Community

To: All Residents and Team Members
From: Kyle Hreben, Executive Director
Date: May 5, 2020
Subject: COVID-19 update

Memorandum

We hope that you were able to enjoy the beautiful weather this weekend while practicing social distancing, of course! We know in Maryland that we have yet to hit the projected peak of the impact of COVID-19, so please don't let the nice weather subdue the need to continue to practice infection control precautions that slow the spread of this virus. At The Village at Rockville, we continually promote these precautions to our team members to practice at work and at home – perform good hand hygiene, avoid close contact, wear face masks, and disinfect surfaces.

Late last week, we completed our testing for *asymptomatic* direct care team members in our community. We took this proactive step in partnership with a private lab provider to further safeguard our community against those who were unknowingly infected with the virus. This testing initiative was taken prior to Governor Hogan's executive order that requires testing of residents and team members in both the skilled nursing and assisted living environments. Our clinical leadership team is in continual communication with the Maryland Department of Health, seeking additional guidance for the testing of all residents. In the meantime, we continue to appropriately test residents who meet symptomatic measures.

Also last week, the State of Maryland began publishing COVID-19 nursing home data. We believe our COVID-19 dashboard at www.thevillageatrockville.org/covid-19-updates/the-village-at-rockville-covid-19-dashboard/ provides a stronger representation of the impact of COVID-19 within our community.

For families of those in our Health Center, if you haven't yet sent your Mother's Day video for us to share with your loved one on Mother's Day, please send them no later than Thursday, May 7. Specific details on the best way to send your video can be found in last week's email from ConnectedLiving. Additionally, as we continue to offer Virtual Visits for our Health Center residents and families to remain connected during these times, we have enhanced our schedules to be specific to each neighborhood, allowing more opportunities for our families. Families can sign-up for a specific time in the specific neighborhood by visiting www.signupgenius.com/go/tvarvirtualvisits.

We've heard a lot about frontline superheroes in the media – we know for sure that we have our own superheroes at The Village at Rockville. We continue to be grateful for the amazing efforts of all of our team members. Thank you for your continued prayers and thoughts for our entire community.