



A National Lutheran Community

**To:** All Residents, Families and Team Members

**From:** Kyle Hreben, Executive Director

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**Subject:** Path Forward Update

## Memorandum

This week is another week of progress in our Path Forward program. The Montgomery County Department of Health accepted our plan to move fully into Phase I of our re-opening plan. Phase I does include the outdoor visitation that we were able to implement two weeks ago, but it also allows small group gatherings for up to five residents, including communal dining. While we are still asking residents not to move throughout the building, the ConnectedLiving team is implementing the small group gatherings spirituality in each neighborhood for exercise, trivia, and variety of programs for art, music. Beginning next week, the Dining Services team will implement socially-distanced dining in appropriate neighborhoods.

Patio Visits are available Monday through Friday. It is delightful to see the joy on faces as residents reconnect with their loved ones. Over the past week, we have experienced rain, which will always cause us to cancel our Patio Visits. We are grateful for your understanding that for the safety of residents we cannot hold the visits in the rain or the extreme heat. We will continue to use email communication through the SignUpGenius registration to communicate any changes to the Patio Visits schedule. Please monitor your emails prior to coming on campus.

As we continue to follow the direction of local, state and federal agencies surrounding the prevention and mitigation of COVID-19 in our community, Patio Visits are not permissible for residents who are currently under isolation precaution.

Weekly universal testing continues for team members, and our testing results continue to remain negative. A huge THANK YOU to our team members for not only following infection control procedures while at work but also at home, too! Their ongoing efforts enable the community to continue in our Path Forward program, providing opportunities for residents and families to connect with one another.

This week, myPotential Care Center opened a satellite clinic for independent living residents in a cottage located closely to the Sales Center, Cottage 9829-1. Appointments are available on Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment only. Appointments can be scheduled by calling Fatu at 301-354-8474.

Our community continues to adjust our infectious control protocols to maintain the safety of our residents and team members. Current protocols include surgical face masks for all team members, cloths mask for residents, and rigorous sanitization of all areas particularly high touch surfaces.

Thank you for your continued thoughts, prayers and encouragement. We are grateful for the level of support received from everyone.

For reference:

Path Forward [www.thevillageatrockville.org/pathforward](http://www.thevillageatrockville.org/pathforward)

COVID-19 Dashboard [www.thevillageatrockville.org/covid-19-dashboard/](http://www.thevillageatrockville.org/covid-19-dashboard/)

Patio Visits [www.signupgenius.com/go/tvarvisits](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/tvarvisits)

Virtual Visits [www.signupgenius.com/go/tvarvirtualvisits](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/tvarvirtualvisits)