



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

It's another exciting week at The Village at Rockville, as we have remained COVID-19 free among residents and team members. We haven't had a positive COVID-19 test in **two months!** Our weekly universal testing for team members continues, and we continue to practice and provide education on our infection control protocols throughout our community – proper hand hygiene, face masks and social distancing.

Recently the CDC released a recommendation regarding the best practice use of MERV 13 filters to assist in the mitigation of COVID-19. The Village at Rockville proactively moved to MERV 13 filters at the beginning of July ahead of the CDC's recommendation. MERV 13 filters capture airborne viruses and bacteria from coughs and sneezes. While there is no guarantee a strong air filter will protect from the coronavirus, clean air helps keep the immune system strong.

For those of you who live in the Montgomery County area, you are likely familiar with “Bethesda Magazine's” Best of Bethesda Reader's Poll. Both The Village at Rockville and myPotential at Home are in the running for the annual “Best of Bethesda” awards, and we need your help to capture this recognition. You do have to vote for five categories for your vote to count. Please be sure to type **The Village at Rockville** under **Senior Living Community** and **myPotential at Home** under **In-Home Health Care**. Voting is open until September 18, but we encourage you to take a few minutes to vote now! Click here to [vote](#).

At The Village at Rockville, we support each resident's personal empowerment through a whole-person approach that nurtures physical, emotional, intellectual, social, vocational, environmental and spiritual well-being. This is the foundational purpose of our ConnectedLiving programming throughout all levels of service, but this philosophy is also supported through our Chaplain's office. Reverend Charlene Barnes joined our community as our chaplain earlier this summer, and she is passionate about providing an environment where residents can be supported in their spiritual journey. Chaplain Barnes is available to meet with residents individually for prayer or conversation. To request a resident visit from Chaplain Barnes, she can be reached at 301-354-8461.

Lastly, The Village at Rockville is co-hosting an advanced care planning and estate planning webinar with Corewood Care on Thursday, September 17 at 3 p.m. This virtual event is open to all residents and families, and please also share it with others. Corewood Care professionals will discuss the important benefits of wills, medical and financial power of attorney documents, trusts, and medical directives, while providing essential elements and steps to consider as you develop or update these documents. To register for this webinar, click [here](#).

As we continue our aim of providing exemplary care and services to our residents and families, we are grateful for your support.