



A National Lutheran Community

**To:** Second and Third Floor Residents and Families and Team Members

**From:** Kyle Hreben, Executive Director

**Date:** March 26, 2021

**Subject:** Health Center Path Forward Update

# Memorandum

We were so glad to resume indoor visits this week! Seeing residents reunite with their families is heartwarming to watch in a normal season. It is especially wonderful to see now as we continue to weather the pandemic. Seeing these visits take place is a harbinger of hope that soon we can continue to open our community to other members of the public.

This week we continued on our due diligence road, following Maryland Department of Health and CMS guidelines. We completed testing of residents last week and are proud to report that there are no positive tests amongst residents. All team member tests were negative this week as well. We completed one test per team member. This test was a PCR (lab) test for team members and routine care partners. If all team member test results received by Monday of next week are negative as well, we will have exhausted our 14-day waiting period and will be out of outbreak status.

We have also continued practicing infection control protocols by properly using personal protection equipment, washing hands, and disinfecting high-touch and common areas.

As we finished our third COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Wednesday, March 24, we are pleased to report that at this point our community is achieving herd immunity. Our vaccination statistics are as follows:

- 95% of independent living residents are vaccinated
- 95% of assisted living residents are fully vaccinated
- 96% of long term care residents are fully vaccinated
- 70% of short term care residents are fully vaccinated
- Approximately 65% of our team members are fully vaccinated (A Washington Post-Kaiser Family Foundation poll recently released reported that 52% of health care workers had received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.)

While we thought Wednesday was our last vaccination clinic, we have just been informed of an additional opportunity for residents and team members to be vaccinated.

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) reached out to The Village at Rockville to make a vaccine opportunity available to residents and staff. They have been given a limited supply of Johnson & Johnson vaccines for those who have not been vaccinated. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is a single dose vaccine. (MDH will not be giving Moderna or Pfizer vaccines.) Residents and team members who wish to be vaccinated should contact Healthcare Administrator Erin Wheeler by **Monday, March 29 at 11 a.m.** at 301-354-8423. MDH will provide a date/time for vaccine once finalized.

We are so thankful to residents and team members for their commitment to care for each other through acts of vaccination during these times.

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**ConnectedLiving programming from ConnectedLiving Director, Melissa Blackstone**

The indoor visits schedule has been posted for April for our families to sign-up. Indoor visits will continue in the Chapel during the month of April. As a reminder:

- All visits must be scheduled in advance: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/indoorvisits>
- Visit appointments are available five days in advance. The sign-up locks one calendar day in advance and no additions can be made after that time.
- Visits are limited to one visit per week with no more than two visitors per visit
- 3 Virginia residents or residents under isolation precaution are not eligible for in-person visits.
- The indoor visits schedule is as follows:
  - Tuesdays: 10 a.m. to noon, 3-5 p.m.
  - Thursdays: 10 a.m. to noon, 4-5 p.m., 6-6:30 p.m.
  - Saturdays: 10 a.m. to noon

Virtual visits remain an option for residents and families to connect. Consider signing up for a virtual visit as well as an in-person visit so that you can “see” your loved one twice this week.

Also, don’t forget to make your salon appointment, as you may want a new look for spring. We have adjusted to one-hour time slots to meet the service needs of residents, as well as completing infection control cleaning practices following each appointment. Residents may sign up for one appointment per week.

**Second and third floor:** Wednesdays and Fridays Appointments can be made at [www.signupgenius.com/go/tvarsalon](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/tvarsalon) or by calling 301-424-9565 or extension 11000. Currently, 3 Virginia residents or residents under isolation precautions are not eligible for in-person visitation.

**Dining update from Dining Services Director, Larry Snowberger**

New restaurant plating styles have been implemented in the Health Center, and residents have given great feedback on the new look of meals being delivered to them.

**Philanthropy update from Philanthropy Director, Alice Benson**

Who has blessed your life? Our Annual Blessing Tree now stands outside of Lang Hall. Make a gift in honor or memory of someone who has blessed your life, and we will put up a cherry blossom on it and list their name by this Blessing Tree. If you wish, we will send a card telling someone of this gift – and you designate an occasion, such as Easter or Mother’s Day. Watch this tree get full of blossoms as we recognize our blessings. You can give at <https://thevillageatrockville.thankyou4caring.org/>.

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**Spiritual Services update from Chaplain Charlene Barnes**

As we enjoy warmer weather we are reminded that the Easter season is on the horizon. Chaplain Barnes will hold Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday Services in celebration of the Easter holiday. The services will appear on The Engage Channel. Palms will also be distributed this Sunday in the Health Center for Palm Sunday.

**Upcoming events:**

Don't forget about our drive-thru Easter Celebration that is scheduled for next Saturday, April 3 from 1-3 p.m. with a rain date of Monday, April 5. You'll find a flyer attached that you can share with family, friends and neighbors. Although visitation has re-opened in the building, this event will still take place outdoors. The event will have several stations for children to enjoy including live music, cotton candy, Easter goody bags, and an Easter craft. For more information, visit <https://www.thevillageatrockville.org/easteregg>

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**For reference:**

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

Indoor Visits [www.signupgenius.com/go/indoorvisits](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/indoorvisits)

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

# DRIVE-THRU *Easter* Celebration

*Join residents, team members and their families*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2021 | 1-3 P.M.**

*RAIN DATE: MONDAY, APRIL 5*



**The Village at Rockville**  
9701 Veirs Drive  
Rockville, MD 20850



*Turn into The Village at Rockville campus at the entrance near the electronic sign. You will be directed to the event from there.*

- \* Goody bags
- \* Easter eggs
- \* Cotton candy
- \* Easter crafts
- \* Socially distanced photo station
- \* Live music



**Please RSVP by Monday, March 29**

**[www.thevillageatrockville.org/easteregg](http://www.thevillageatrockville.org/easteregg)**

**Call 301-354-8466 for more information**

*Social distancing must be practiced and masks must be worn for participation.*

*Team members/families are welcomed to join.*

*Children's Easter baskets will be raffled off for team members who participate.*

**Car decorations are highly encouraged**



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