



A National Lutheran Community

**To:** Health Center Residents and Families and Team Members

**From:** Kyle Hreben, Executive Director

**Date:** April 8, 2021

**Subject:** Health Center Path Forward Update

## Memorandum

I trust that you have been enjoying the marvelous weather that we have experienced this week. This is the time of year that our community “greens” and blooms and becomes gorgeous!

As we continue on our path forward as a community, we are excited to announce that our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Health Center residents will be able to welcome families to their rooms for one-hour visits beginning Thursday, April 15. Assisted Living residents will also be able to continue to their apartment visits, too.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor room visits: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/tvarvisits>

Assisted Living apartment visits: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/tvaralvisits>

A couple of reminders on in-room and in-apartment visitation protocols:

- Residents must be vaccinated to be eligible for in-room/apartment visitation
- No eating or drinking during the visit
- Visits are one hour, once per week, with a maximum of two visitors per visit
- Visitors must go straight to and from their loved ones room or apartment
- Masks must be worn throughout the entire visit
- 3 Virginia residents or residents under isolation precautions are not eligible for in-person visitation, but virtual visits are available.

For non-vaccinated residents or those who are not comfortable with in-room and in-apartment visits, in-person visits in the Chapel will remain available on Saturdays.

Our weekly COVID-19 testing results for team members resulted in negative tests. In the event that we do have a positive test result, we will continue to follow guidance from the Maryland Department of Health regarding visitation changes. Any changes in the visitation schedules will be communicated based on the SignUpGenius schedule.

When possible, we do highly recommend outdoor visits between residents and families. While our team also implements outdoor programming like our Patio Readings, visiting outside not only reduces traffic inside the community, it also provides another opportunity for residents to enjoy the sunshine.

We have had a few questions about pets visiting, so we thought it best to include guidance for everyone. The Village at Rockville does support pets (dogs and cats only, please) visiting the resident. If you choose to bring your pet with you to your visit, please place a comment in the form when signing up for your visit and provide a copy of the pet’s current vaccination record to concierge at your check-in. While pets visiting in the resident’s room is permissible, we do highly encourage outdoor visits with pets. As always, pets must remain on leash and under control at all times.

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While we expand our visits to include in-room visits weekly, compassionate care visits and end-of-life visits are still available and should be scheduled through the care team.

While COVID-19 vaccination rates increasing in our area, we do remain diligent in our infection control protocols. Over the past couple of weeks, our infection preventionist nurse, Stephanie Winters, has been working closely with our environmental services team to review cleaning protocols for the community. We continue to be grateful that our team is committed to providing residents, team members, and now visitors, a safe environment.

As the community opens to more visitors, it is essential that our visitors take additional precautions, as well. If you are experiencing any illness, we do ask that you reschedule your visit to the community. As you come onto campus, please make sure that you are using proper hand hygiene, wearing your mask properly and practicing social distancing. You will find reminders of those best practices throughout the community.

### *Other community news:*

#### **Rehabilitation update from Rehabilitation Services Director, Swati Kuthiala**

Once residents complete their quarantine period and are no longer on transmission-based precautions, they can now come to therapy gym to work on activities of daily living, wheelchair mobility, community walking, advanced balance activities, stair navigation, communication-skills, and other rehab related goals. The therapy gym is disinfected between residents with enhanced efforts. Social-distancing and masking remains in place as we continue to protect our residents and team members.

#### **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/>.

We are so grateful to be at this stage of opening our community. Have a great weekend!

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#### **For reference:**

Path Forward /COVID Dashboard	<a href="http://www.thevillageatrockville.org/pathforward">www.thevillageatrockville.org/pathforward</a>
Indoor visits	<a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/indoorvisits">www.signupgenius.com/go/indoorvisits</a>
Virtual visits	<a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/tvarvirtualvisits">www.signupgenius.com/go/tvarvirtualvisits</a>
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Assisted Living apartment visits	<a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/tvaralvisits">www.signupgenius.com/go/tvaralvisits</a>
Salon appointments	<a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/tvarsalon">www.signupgenius.com/go/tvarsalon</a>
or by calling 301-424-9565	