



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

**From:** Kyle Hreben, Executive Director

**Date:** April 13, 2021

**Subject:** Health Center Path Forward Update

# Memorandum

The dictionary describes a path as a narrow walk or way. Those words perfectly describe what we have experienced since COVID-19 emerged a little more than a year ago. For us, the “narrow walk” on the path keeps us ever focused on all-important goals – keeping residents and team members safe during this pandemic.

Unfortunately, I must inform you that we must take a necessary but difficult small step back on our path forward. One team member tested positive for COVID-19. As you know, one positive test result from either a resident or team member is classified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as an “outbreak.”

While a portion of our Health Center is in outbreak status, we have localized potential exposure to the second and third floors. Here are a few precautions we must take to ensure the health of residents and team members.

- Team members and second and third floor residents will be tested by PCR (lab test) this week and next.
- Indoor visits for second and third floor residents are suspended for this week pending negative test results. The Department of Health has advised that we can resume in-person visits next week for any neighborhood with negative results.
- Visits taking place on the first floor with assisted living residents will continue as scheduled.
- All team members will be tested by PCR (lab test) this week.
- Dining and group programs will continue as scheduled and with all social distancing and safety protocols in place for all residents.
- Please note that virtual visits and compassionate care or end-of-life visits will continue as scheduled.
- Salon appointments remain available through sign up genius. Please make your appointment here: [www.signupgenius.com/go/tvarsalon](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/tvarsalon)

We encourage resident family members to continue to connect with residents virtually until you are again able to meet with your loved one on the second or third floor. It is our hope that Virtual Visits will help residents and their families feel connected until we can again offer indoor visits. Please sign up for your virtual visit here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/tvarvirtualvisits>.

Earlier today, we also learned that distribution of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine has been paused by the CDC and Maryland Department of Health. We will continue to monitor this situation and follow CDC guidance. We will update those who had chosen to be added to the list for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine based on this guidance.

We know that the widening and narrowing of this path has been just as difficult for you as it has been for us. The COVID-19 positivity rates have gone up and are currently at 4.9% in Montgomery County. We must remain vigilant and strong as we continue our path forward. One thing is certain; the only way we can navigate this path forward is by walking it together.

Thank you for your continued patience, understanding and partnership. We will continue to keep you updated as our outbreak status changes.

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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>
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>

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