



A National Lutheran Community

To: All residents, families, and team members

From: Kyle Hreben, Executive Director

Date: September 17, 2021

Subject: Health Center Path Forward Update

Memorandum

Any well-traveled path is always fraught with stops and starts, hills and unexpected valleys. Yet, you have taken each step with us with grace, and we are forever thankful for your support. Today, I am pleased to share an encouraging report. We have conducted the resident and team member testing required of us by Maryland Department of Health (MDH), and all tests returned negative. We were notified by MDH that they are closing the case on our outbreak status, as we do not have any known cases of COVID-19 in our community!

As a result, we have re-opened visitation for the entire Health Center from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., seven days per week. Additionally, communal dining, group programs, salon services, chapel services and the library will resume their schedule following the necessary safety and distancing protocols. To sign-up for salon services, residents can visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/tvarsalon>. We all know from experience that if we want to continue the benefits of an open community, we must adhere to guidelines that help keep all of us safe. Below please find reminders of our visitation and safety mandates:

- Visitors must show proof of vaccination or may be required to provide a negative COVID test result done within the last 7 days.
- Visitors must sign-in/out and be screened for COVID-19 using screening questions and temperature. Anyone with symptoms or with a temperature above 100 degrees will not be permitted to enter.
 - Visitors must enter the name of the resident they are visiting during the sign-in process.
 - Visitors will be provided a mask to wear during the visit.
- Visitors are NOT authorized to leave the building and return later to continue a visit. Please do not ask for an exception at this time.
- Residents may receive one visit per day. If a second visit is attempted, you will be turned away and asked to come another day.
- Coordination of visits should be done among families and friends.
- Two visitors are allowed per visit
- Visitors may choose to be onsite during mealtimes, however, are not authorized to be in the resident's dining room. Visitors must remain in the resident's room/apartment if assisting with meals.
- Children under 12 are not permitted to visit at this time.
- Masks are required throughout the building and must cover your mouth and nose.
 - If you and your loved one are fully vaccinated, you may choose to remove masks within the resident's room only.

- Visitors can only visit in resident's apartment/room or outdoors. Visitors may not visit in common spaces. This includes rehabilitation gyms, dining rooms, Lang Hall, care base/nurses station, staff offices, The Village Bean, taking your loved one on a stroll through the building, the Chapel, etc.
- Our team members continue to routinely and as needed clean and disinfect high-touch areas to keep our community safe.

Finally, we so are happy to offer Health Center residents opportunities for in-person worship in our Chapel again. This month, residents may attend worship on the following dates at 3 p.m.:

- Tuesday, September 21
- Tuesday, September 28

We also have fun activities on the horizon for your enjoyment. We are putting together a holiday recipe book for families to share with each other during the upcoming holiday season. Please submit your favorite family recipes to Sharice Hendrickson at shendrickson@thevillageatrockville.org. We will need to receive your recipe no later than Friday, September 29.

Members of your ConnectedLiving team are also organizing a Veteran's Day parade. Please watch these updates for more information on these and other community engagement opportunities.

Have a wonderful weekend!

For reference: Path Forward /COVID Dashboard www.thevillageatrockville.org/pathforward