



December 7, 2020

Dear Residents and Families,

Blessings to you all during this Christmas season. As we prepare to bring 2020 to a close, I realize that though this has been a year of unique challenges, it has united and strengthened us. The year ahead holds much hope and we will embrace the days ahead with a renewed appreciation for life and each other.

As we move forward, we are encouraged to report that we have received word that the COVID-19 vaccine distribution is targeted to reach us in the next few weeks. This is a very important step in putting COVID-19 behind us.

Currently our county positivity rate is over 14 %. While this is very concerning, we are taking every precaution to reduce the impact on our community and mitigate spread of the virus.

I share with you below a brief update of the COVID activities and reopening plan progress for each of our levels of care.

Health Care Center

On November 25, we received notification of positive cases on our Tenley Rehabilitation Unit. This unit has been functioning as our observation unit for hospital admissions to monitor for COVID-19 prior to placement in other areas of our community. There were a total of 7 positive cases on this unit.

Additionally, we cared for nine residents from our Spring House Estates campus and one from our own Independent Living Apartments. Of the seventeen combined COVID positive cases, it is with deep sadness that I report the passing of three residents. Eight residents have recovered and the remaining six are expected to recover this week.

We currently have seven staff members who have tested positive. All are expected to recover over the next week.

Due to the extremely high county positivity rate, we will continue to restrict visitation except in certain compassionate care situations. We are requiring twice weekly testing of all staff and caregivers.

Assisted Lifestyles and Personal Care

I am pleased to report that we have no resident or staff cases in our Assisted Lifestyles and Personal Care sections of our campus. We are taking every precaution to keep these areas free of the virus and are restricting visitation except in certain compassionate care situations. We are also strongly discouraging any trips off campus until our county rates drop below 10%. Residents who have outside contact will be required to isolate in their apartments for 14 days.

Our staff members for this level of care will be tested weekly.

Independent Living

We are strongly encouraging all residents to limit outside contact, to maintain physical distance and wear masks when interacting with anyone. We also ask that you report any virus symptoms or exposure immediately.

I remind you that it is important that residents who are having guests in their units to take precautions to avoid exposing other campus residents to guests. This includes limiting guests to your unit. Guests should not be brought into shared community spaces in our Southview building. I appreciate everyone's cooperation with these temporary safety measures.

As I urge you all to be safe, I also pray that you will all take time to enjoy the Christmas season. With support from the Resident Life Enrichment Endowment Fund (RLEEF), we are thrilled to offer a special campus wide display of Christmas trees and lights this year. This is in addition to the wonderful Christmas display presented by our residents annually. Though we cannot all be together physically, we can all share the joys of Christmas through these beautiful displays. We will share photos and encourage you to take an evening drive through the campus to share in the joy of the season!

In Luke 2:10, the scripture reminds us of the true meaning of the season and all that we have to be thankful for, "And an angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

I pray you all experience the Christmas gifts of hope, peace, joy and love!

Blessing to you all,



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