



March 3, 2021

Dear Residents and Families,

I hope this finds you all well. We are all anxious to see the signs of spring coming as the temperatures are beginning to warm up and the days are getting a little longer.

Though we have made great progress with reducing and eliminating COVID-19 on our Homewood at Martinsburg Campus, today we learned that one of our coworkers has tested positive for the virus. Thankfully this staff member does not work in resident care areas and does not have any contact with residents. This coworker has no symptoms and is isolating at home. We have implemented our infection control and testing strategies for mitigation.

Though we were hoping to have COVID behind us, this is a reminder that though the positivity rate in Blair County is rapidly decreasing, COVID continues to be a real threat and we must continue to be diligent with our prevention strategies.

I share with you below a brief update of reopening activity for each level of care on our campus.

Health Care Center

Springfield, Countryside and Waterside Units:

Our Springfield, Countryside and Waterside units remain COVID free. We are currently offering limited visits in our designated area with strict adherence to screening and safety protocols. We also continue to offer remote video visits. Residents are enjoying a variety of small group activities and dining while maintaining distance and adhering to safety protocols.

Assisted Lifestyle

Our Assisted Lifestyle community continues to be free of COVID. We are progressing with our reopening plans that include scheduled visits in our coffee shop, socially distanced dining and small group activities. Residents are also enjoying bus tours in small groups to do some sightseeing. Salon and podiatry services are available by appointment.

Independent Living

Our independent living residents are able to enjoy all of our services and amenities with reduced capacity to allow for safe distancing. Our beauty shop, fitness center, pool, chapel, and café are all open. We continue to offer a variety of zoom fitness classes for those who prefer remote participation. We are also offering a variety of small group activities.

Reopening updates will be posted to our website weekly to keep you informed.

I hope you all have a wonderful week!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Defibaugh".

Lisa Defibaugh, Executive Director