



March 30, 2021

Dear Residents and Families,

Greetings to you all. I hope this finds you well as we celebrate Holy Week and prepare for Easter Sunday, a time of hope, renewal and rejoicing. This, along with the transition to spring's warmer weather, emerging plants and new blossoms is a time of refreshing for us all.

We have been fortunate to have been free of COVID on our campus for well over a month until this week when we learned of two coworkers who tested positive for the virus. Both coworkers are isolating at home and contact tracing confirmed both were from outside exposures. Thankfully, no residents are affected.

Though this is difficult news for everyone, we have made significant progress in limiting the impact of COVID on our campus with high vaccination rates. After weeks of declining COVID positivity rates in Blair County, we are now watching the rates increase. This is a reminder that we must remain diligent in our efforts to stop the spread.

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

Health Care Center

Springfield:

We have implemented isolation precautions on the unit due to a coworker who tested positive for COVID-19. This coworker had an outside exposure and is currently isolating at home. We are following regulatory guidance and will test residents and coworkers weekly for the next 14 days. Currently there are no residents experiencing any symptoms and initial testing results are all negative. Visitation will be limited to compassionate care visits and compassionate caregivers during this 14 day period.

An ancillary services coworker has also tested positive for the virus. This coworker is not involved with resident care. The coworker is asymptomatic and is isolating at home. Contact tracing confirmed an outside exposure.



Countryside and Waterside Personal Care:

Our Countryside and Waterside units continue to be free of COVID. We continue to offer scheduled visitation for residents on these units.

Assisted Lifestyle

Our Assisted Lifestyle community continues to be free of COVID. Scheduled visits and outings continue for these residents.

Independent Living

On April 4, 2021 we are able to increase our indoor capacity to 75% occupancy. This is wonderful news for those wishing to attend the Easter Sunday service in our chapel. Our café will also be open at 75% occupancy and we have resumed our Friday night Terrace Hour dinners and our monthly Independent living dinners. We are also excited to open our outdoor grill and offer outdoor dining.

Reopening updates will be posted to our website as changes occur to keep you informed.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Lisa Defibaugh".

Lisa Defibaugh, Executive Director

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