

# **HOMWOOD** *AT MARTINSBURG*

A Continuing Care Retirement Community

May 25, 2020

Resident, Families and Co-Workers:

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend and were able to take time to remember those in the Military who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our great nation.

As we move into another week of COVID-19 prevention, I am happy to report that we continue have no cases in our community. I am also encouraged that the daily number of new cases in our state is decreasing.

There are several counties in our state that will be the first to move to the “green” phase of reopening on May 29, 2020. Based on the metrics being used, Blair County is likely to be in the second round of counties progressing to the “green” phase. Homewood has developed a careful approach to reopening our campus. Reopening steps will be implemented in several phases to monitor for safety, and success with each phase, prior to moving on to the next. Our goal is to continue to keep our campus free of COVID-19.

For our Health Care and Assisted Lifestyle residents, the Pennsylvania Department of Health is still mandating a no-visitation policy. We continue with virtual visits and many of you are taking advantage of our email [Family@hmwd.org](mailto:Family@hmwd.org) to share photos and notes from home. These are enjoyed by the residents! We are planning for safe visitation guidelines as soon as our regulatory agencies permit.

This week, we will begin to allow some limited visitation to our Independent Living residents. These visits will include patio visits for cottages and ground floor apartments, and will require face mask and a social distance of at least 6 feet. We will also designate outdoor areas where these visits can safely occur and not put our community at risk. Visitation criteria will be provided to each IL resident this week. It is imperative this guidance is followed to ensure the safety of everyone on our campus.

I thank you all for being so patient. As we begin our plans for reopening our campus, we must continue to use extreme caution to ensure the safety and protection of all who live and work here. I feel fortunate to have such a wonderful group of people who have been diligent in preserving our safety, and faithful to our mission throughout this crisis.

Blessing to you all,



Lisa Defibaugh, Executive Director