



**A Continuing Care Retirement Community**

March 21, 2020

Dear Residents, Families and Co-workers,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your support and cooperation during this unprecedented time. I feel it is important to provide you with frequent updates, to keep you informed of our response to the Corona Virus (COVID-19).

At this time, we have no active cases of the virus and we continue to take precautions to promote the safety and wellbeing of everyone who lives and works in our community. We are working with the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Centers for Disease Control and our Infection Prevention Specialist to respond to this rapidly changing situation. We are also closely following the directives from Governor Wolf to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

#### **Protections We Have In Place**

1. No visitors are permitted on our campus. No window visits as we need to maintain a visitor free campus for the safety of everyone.
2. Screening for all essential workers and care providers.
3. No communal dining or activities will be provided. We are practicing social distancing and finding creative ways to keep our residents engaged.
4. Residents are being asked to stay on their units and in their specific level of care.
5. Virtual visits will be offered to residents to maintain contact with friends and family.
6. The salons, pool, and fitness center have been closed.
7. The café is restricted to carry out and delivery only.
8. Our Country Store will be generously stocked for pick-up and delivery of essential food and toiletry items.
9. All co-workers will be masking for an additional layer of protection.

#### **Keeping Yourself Safe**

1. Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
2. Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
3. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your elbow.
4. Practice social distancing of 6 feet.
5. Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily.
6. Stay home, only go out for essentials when absolutely necessary. If you need something, let us know and we will make every effort to help.



There have been many changes to our way of life here at Homewood. I must say that I am encouraged and uplifted by the spirit of cooperation by everyone. Our residents and co-workers are not discouraged by this situation, but rather finding creative ways to enjoy each day here at Homewood.

Again, I thank you all for your support in this very difficult time. I believe that God has His hand on us and will bring us through this with strength and solidarity.

Sincerely,

Lisa Defibaugh, Executive Director

*"But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31 (NLT)*