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Dear Lorien Families:

Yesterday, the Governor announced that he is ordering all Maryland nursing homes and assisted living communities to begin COVID-19 universal testing of all residents and all staff. He noted, "With our expanded universal testing, we should expect to see the number of positive cases significantly rise among both nursing home residents and staff."

What does this mean to you and your loved one?

- If a Nursing Home patient tests positive, s/he will be moved to a designated COVID Unit in the building. This part of the building has been set up to help limit the spread of the virus. It has an adequate supply of personal protection equipment (PPE) and is staffed with employees focused on infection control.
- If an Assisted Living resident tests positive, s/he will be quarantined in their room with COVID-specific staff attending to them. Comprehensive details of when the testing will start, and who will administer the testing, are not known as of this writing, but we will keep you advised.

If a Lorien employee tests positive, there are two current options that will be implemented depending on the facts, as follows:

- If an employee is *symptomatic*, then s/he will be sent home. The employee may return to work after they are asymptomatic for three days without antipyretics (fever-reducing medication) and seven days after onset of symptoms; or
- If an employee is *asymptomatic*, meaning s/he displays no symptoms of the virus, the employee will be sent home for 10 days.


This week, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) also began publishing data on COVID-19 cases in nursing homes. The MDH intends to update this information weekly. In our previous letters, we informed you of the number of current positive COVID-19 patients and employees we have in the Lorien System.

*So as not to cause any confusion, we will no longer include numbers in our letters to you and all families.* For your convenience, the State of Maryland's website may be found at this link:

<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/hcf-resources>

Again, if your loved one has been affected directly by a positive COVID-19 case, you will be contacted. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our 24-hour Compliance Line by phone at 1-855-859-0809 or through our website ([www.lorienhealth.com](http://www.lorienhealth.com)).

Sincerely,



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