

June 11, 2020

Dear Lorien Families:

We have completed the COVID-19 universal testing for all Lorien facilities. The final results from the testing show that those testing positive were all asymptomatic: Columbia - 4 residents and 4 staff; Encore - 1 resident, 3 staff, and 1 private aid; Mt Airy - 8 residents and 8 staff; Mays Chapel - 0 residents, 1 staff; Bel Air – 0 residents and 0 staff; Bulle Rock - 0 residents and 1 staff; Elkridge – 0 residents and 0 staff; Taneytown - 0 residents and 0 staff (one test pending).

Since the universal testing is complete, we will be moving to bi-weekly Thursday evening update letters. You can expect the next letter on June 25 at 8:00pm. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our 24-hour Compliance Line by phone at 1-855-859-0809 or visit our website (www.lorienhealth.com). As a reminder, all positive COVID-19 cases are published by the Maryland Department of Health on Wednesdays here: <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/hcf-resources> .

Yesterday, Governor Hogan announced a new timeline for indoor dining, outdoor amusements, indoor gyms, casinos and malls to resume operations with restrictions over the next couple of weeks. He continued to emphasize that Maryland’s most vulnerable population should remain cautious, and along with the local health departments, has reported that nursing homes and assisted living communities are still not able to open to visitors for some time. This includes visits outside.

I know how challenging being unable to visit your loved ones continues to be. Lorien is a family-owned business built on the foundation of family taking care of family. My own mother was a resident in our Harmony Hall assisted living community for many years and I look back at all the times I spent with her. I understand how important the visits were to my mother, me, and my family and I have approached the visitor restrictions through the lens of not being able to see her in person. While extremely difficult, I know this separation is what is best for the health and safety of our residents and for all the families. I know you understand this too and thank you for your continued patience and support.

As we prepare to celebrate Father’s Day on June 21, please continue to bear with us and know how committed we are to connecting you in creative ways and making these holidays apart special for your loved ones. We look forward to the day that we can announce you can be reunited again.

Sincerely,

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