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Dear Lorien Residents and Families:

It has been a rather emotional and joy-filled week as we began to reunite our families and loved ones. We are working diligently to implement the latest guidance issued last Friday by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), around visitation and appreciate your continued support and patience.

Last Thursday, I sent you the key points of the guidance which can also be referred to here:

<https://governor.maryland.gov/2021/03/09/governor-hogan-announces-lifting-of-capacity-limits-masking-and-distancing-protocols-maintained>. **However, it is important to clarify that ALL visitation will be suspended if a new case of COVID-19 among residents or staff is identified. Unfortunately, we will also have to stop communal activities and dining during this time.**

As a reminder, we are still asking for your help in abiding by the CDC guidelines and adhering to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention, including physical distancing, wearing a mask, and proper hand washing hygiene. This continues to be the safest way to prevent the spread of COVID-19, particularly if either party has not been fully vaccinated. Please refer to our visitor handbook for more details prior to your scheduled visit: [https://www.lorienhealth.com/application/files/9716/1583/0267/Welcome\\_Packet\\_Updated\\_3.12\\_3.pdf](https://www.lorienhealth.com/application/files/9716/1583/0267/Welcome_Packet_Updated_3.12_3.pdf).

I'm also happy to report that the rehab spaces in our buildings are now open to residents, regardless of vaccination. Appropriate social distancing and infection control practices will still be maintained.

Easter and Passover are approaching, and we know flowers play a significant role in celebrating. **I'm pleased to inform you that residents are now able to accept fresh cut flowers in water. We are still not able to allow plants in soil just yet.**



While we are experiencing a decline in cases throughout the state, I'd like to offer a word of caution around Easter and Passover family gatherings. Despite the Governor's lifted restrictions, COVID-19 remains a threat to our health and safety. We would hate to see a spike in cases that may result in taking a step backwards with visitation guidance.

We want nothing more than to keep bringing our families together, like this Taneytown resident with her daughter, embracing for the first time in nearly a year.

We know how long you have waited to hold your loved ones and we're so happy it's finally here!

Sincerely,

Lou Grimmel, CEO

