



FROM THE

Executive Director

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This communication supersedes information in this week's newsletter.



You may have heard Governor Hogan sounding the alarm about COVID-19 in Maryland during his press conference, earlier this week. As elsewhere, we are seeing a rapid uptick in the prevalence of positive cases in our state. We are already seeing the effects in our resident population and our team members.

We have two confirmed resident cases in the Health Care Center and two positive team members. As always, we are following all federal and state protocols and providing widespread testing to ensure the virus is properly contained. If we have any additional positive cases, we will share that information with you.

In response to the worsening statistics in the region, the Governor promulgated new guidelines, and we in turn must respond to them. Until further notice, the following changes to our services will be in effect:

- Dining - on Friday, Nov. 13, **all communal dining is closed**. Pick up and delivery for all venues will continue.
- Residential Living Visitation - on Monday, Nov. 16, **only essential visits** (e.g. medical care, supplies and essential support) will be permitted for residential living. All visits must be approved in advance.
- Wellness Activities - as of now, **most Wellness activities may continue**, as they are already following safety protocols; the pool and gym will continue to be open. Informal card games and similar gatherings are discouraged at this time.

As you have heard me mention several times, you are sharing the mantle of responsibility with us to keep each other safe. In a sense, you are essential workers now; how you conduct yourself affects the lives of everyone at Carroll Lutheran Village. Staying away from exposure - whether it is from crowds, stores or family - is critical during this time.

Wear a mask, insist others wear a mask around you, wash and sanitize your hands frequently, and keep your distance from others.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Sincerely,

John B. Henry

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