



**Coronavirus (COVID-19)
Family Member Update
April 7, 2020**

Dear Family Members,

Despite all of our planning and prayers, this virus is challenging us in ways we never imagined. Every day the news is unsettling. Please continue to pray for the residents and team members at our sister community, Carroll Lutheran Village. Twelve residents and two employees tested positive. All of us need to be vigilant in doing our part to keep our communities safe and healthy.

Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Dr. Anthony Fauci said in an interview with [The Daily \(a NYT Podcast\)](#) that the virus controls the timeline. We can't predict how long this situation will continue and we understand how unsettling and disruptive this situation is for all of you. However, Fauci stated, "it's absolutely critical that people... to the best of their ability abide by recommendations because we know that mitigation does have impact" on how effective we are at smothering the virus.

The protocols and guidelines we have in place at LMVG are there at the direction of the CDC and the Maryland Department of Health. Social distancing, staying at home and hand washing are vital, and each of us needs to follow these and other protocols to prevent the spread of the virus.

- **Residents are requested to follow the Stay-at-Home order issued by Gov. Larry Hogan.** No Marylander should risk themselves, their loved ones or the community by leaving their homes unless it is essential to do so, such as a required health care appointment or groceries.
- **Our No Visitor policy remains in place.** The only exception is essential visitors. and those individuals must be screened before entering. Only one visitor per day is allowed.
- We are continuing to practice social distancing.
- Residents are taking advantage of the Fitness on the Balcony classes and other online resources our team is providing to keep their mind, body and spirit strong. Staying hydrated, eating well, and getting plenty of rest are important.
- We've compiled a list of commonly asked Questions and Answers about meals, deliveries, going outdoors, and recycling. You can view them on our website at <https://millersgrant.org/2020/03/23/coronavirus-covid-19-update-for-families-and-residents/>



If you have other questions, please email those to LVMGCares@millersgrant.org so we can answer them for you.

News From Gov. Larry Hogan

Yesterday, Gov. Hogan enacted an emergency order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in nursing home facilities, including requiring health care workers to wear personal protective equipment and having separate observation and isolation areas for residents confirmed with or suspected of having COVID-19. The protocols were implemented immediately in our assisted living and Health Care Center. You can read the Governor's full announcement [here](#).

Please, take advantage of the video chats, text messaging and Facebook conversations online. We're fortunate to have technology that keeps us connected with those we love. Now is the perfect time to embrace FaceTime or get set up on Facebook so you and your families can stay connected with your loved ones.

Please know our COVID-19 task force meets daily to assess the situation and make necessary changes. We continue to follow prevention measures and protocols set by state and national health officials. Our entire team is doing their absolute best, every day, to ensure your loved one's safety and well being.

If you need help connecting via video chat or if you have any questions or concerns email LVMGCares@millersgrant.org. You may also visit www.millersgrant.org for updates or @millersgrant on Facebook.

We will continue to notify you if there are updates. Our weekly Tuesday updates will continue.

Take care and be well. We will get through this together.

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