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Dear Families,

Residents walking outdoors for fresh air will notice a new addition to our family of Kwanzan Cherry Blossom trees on campus. We purchased the tree to beautify our community while supporting the Blossoms of Hope mission to help those with cancer. Thanks, Karen McNamara, Director of Philanthropy, resident Richard Parenti, and Marley, for weathering the rain and planting our new tree!



COVID-19 Universal Testing Update

Last week, the Universal Testing mandate by Gov. Hogan initiated the start of COVID-19 testing for residents and team members in Assisted Living and the Health Care Center. So far:

- COVID-19 tests have been administered to 31 residents and 109 team members
- All results are negative.
- Testing continues today for employees. All residents have been tested.

Last week, prior to Universal Testing we received notification that another team member had tested positive for COVID-19. The team member is self-isolating at home for 14 days. She has not been at Miller's Grant since May 15. We wish her well. To date, this makes two employees. We have had one resident test positive. The resident and their family remain in our thoughts and prayers. There are no confirmed residential living cases.

COVID-19 Testing for Residents in Independent Living

Universal Testing does not apply to Residential Living. However, the COVID-19 test is available through your primary physician.

- Residents who qualify can request a test through their physician who will electronically send the order through CRISP for VEIP testing stations.
 - In Howard County, the Columbia VEIP station has appointment testing on Tuesday and Thursday.

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- Once a physician orders the testing, residents will receive an email to schedule an appointment.
- Approximately 300 appointment slots are available on these days.

- Residents who have a John Hopkins physician, an electronic order can be sent to the Howard County Hospital COVID testing site where testing is done Monday through Friday. Residents can also schedule an appointment with this testing site if they have an order. Please refer to their website.

- Other locations in Ellicott City include All Care Urgent Care sites. These site administers tests by appointment only and with a doctor referral.

- Access this website to input your Zip code for a list of nearby testing sites with contact information: <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/symptoms-testing>.

Residents are required to notify Jena Britton, Care Coordinator, if they are tested for COVID-19 and again when they receive their results.

Jena Britton
410-696-6818
JBritton@millersgrant.org.

Reminder: Any resident not feeling well and/or experiencing any of the following symptoms, including chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, fever, cough or shortness of breath, should call their primary physician and Care Coordinator Jena Britton at 410-696-6818 or JBritton@millersgrant.org.

Getting through COVID-19 Together

We continue to stay vigilant following the state and national guidelines and protocols, including social distancing, wearing personal protective equipment when necessary, proper handwashing, and no visitors.

Throughout the community, the following guidelines remain in place:

- No visitation
- Health screening and temperature checks for all essential visitors (end of life care), team members and residents entering the community
- Social distancing
- Group activities and programs are canceled

Gov. Larry Hogan has lifted the stay-at-home mandate. However, there is still risk of exposure to COVID-19 and residents remain among the most vulnerable, high-risk

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populations. We request residents reconsider leaving the community unless it is essential to do so.

In the Health Care Center, residents are screened three times a day and anyone exhibiting symptoms is placed in isolation. Team members are screened at the start of every shift; anyone showing symptoms are sent home for self-isolation.

Life Goes on at Miller's Grant

Entertainment in the Courtyard – Thomas McClellan



<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1619131458250312>

Wellness YouTube Channel – Balance Class



<https://www.facebook.com/millersgrant/posts/2922710847783205>

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Preventing Fraud During COVID-19 Video: From the Department of Aging:



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I25bBMydIEQ&list=PLqxzM7j0G5XYWxbDziyVydD_mHe6657wj&index=6&t=0s

Resources

Questions? LVMGCares@millersgrant.org or visit **www.millersgrant.org/coronavirus** for updates.

Need Help Connecting with Technology? Email **LVMGCares@millersgrant.org**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 410-696-6711 or LVMGCares@millersgrant.org. You can also call the LVMG Cares Hotline at 410-696-6770.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We'll get through this, together!

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Lutheran Village at Miller's Grant