# Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resident Update

Assisted Living and Health Care **Tuesday, May 5, 2020** 

## From the Executive Director

Dear Residents,

Life goes on at LVMG because everyone is doing their part to make the best of a tough situation.

Last week team members were beaming from your hundreds of letters of appreciation. Thank you for showering them with gratitude. Your kind words mean the world to all of us!





## **COVID-19 Task Force Update**

The COVID-19 task force continues to meet daily to ensure our communities are doing everything we can possibly do to keep you and our team members safe. Led by VP of Operations Ken Connelly, he's joined by CEO Jeff Branch and CLV and LVMG leaders.

During the call, we share best practices, review changes in state and national protocols, and discuss challenges and solutions. **We ask**, *"What can we do better? How can we make life better? What can we do to make you safer?* 

#### And we share good news!

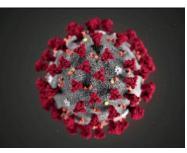
This week, we learned a tough, amazing, beautiful 104-year-old CLV resident who tested positive for COVID-19 was well enough to move from isolation back to her room on her own. In the midst of this battle, Vivian is of our silver linings!

## **COVID-19 Update**

Gov. Larry Hogan says any easing of the widespread social distancing measures that have been in place since mid-March will be gradual and won't start until at least later this month.

Our decision to ease restriction will be directed by the





officials. Your safety and the safety of team members is our priority, so we will err on the side of caution when determining when to ease restrictions.

There are ZERO cases of COVID-19 to report at LVMG. We are fortunate and thankful and will continue to maintain behavioral actions like social distancing, stay-at-home measures, and visitor restrictions in an effort to prevent exposure to the virus.

### Who Gets Tested for COVID-19?

There is national discussion taking place about mandating COVID-19 testing in nursing homes. Currently, who receives COVID-19 testing is determined only by a primary care physician who follows Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines. Howard County Health Department's recommendations for Coronavirus testing:

- 1. People without symptoms do not need to be tested.
- 2. People with mild symptoms who are otherwise healthy can self-quarantine and monitor their temperature, and symptoms and check in with the provider as needed. No testing is needed.
- 3. People who have severe symptoms, like difficulty breathing, should seek care immediately so a medical provider can provide assessment, treatment and determine if testing is needed.
- 4. Older patients and individuals who have underlying medical conditions or are immunocompromised should contact their medical provider even with a mild illness to determine if testing is needed. In some situations, they will need to be evaluated in an emergency department.

### **A Few Reminders**

- Just a reminder, *no visitors are allowed,* except for compassionate care visits in end-of-life cases. These essential visitors must complete a health questionnaire and have their temperatures checked before entering the community.
- Please contact us at LVMGCares@millersgrant.org to arrange for a video chat or phone call with your loved one.
- We track our Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) inventory daily. We have several avenues that are filtering us PPE and we have strong relationships with the local health departments for additional resources if needed.

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

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