

# Coronavirus (COVID-19) Family Update Residential Living Tuesday, May 19 2020



## From the Executive Director



Dear Families,

Last week we honored our nurses for their tireless dedication and hard work throughout the year. Flowers, cards and notes of appreciation from residents and families made these everyday heroes feel especially appreciated and loved.

We pulled together photo video highlighting some of the ways in which we showed our appreciation, including "Walking Tacos" prepared by our Culinary Services Team!  
<https://www.facebook.com/millersgrant/videos/248509343035600/>



## Universal Testing for COVID-19 Do LVMG residents qualify?

A few weeks ago, Governor Larry Hogan issued an Executive Order for Universal Testing in long-term care facilities. Since we have a new positive case, **we qualify for Universal Testing for our health care residents and assisted living residents only.**

As of today, universal testing does not apply to residential living. Only individuals who exhibit symptoms and are at high risk qualify for COVID-19 testing. This

would be done by contacting your physician. Residents experiencing these symptoms should call their primary physician and Care Coordinator Jena Britton at 410-696-6818 or [JBritton@millersgrant.org](mailto:JBritton@millersgrant.org).

## Stay-at-Home Mandate Lifted in Maryland

### What does this mean for residents?

Gov. Larry Hogan has lifted the stay-at-home mandate in Maryland, but at Lutheran Village at Miller's Grant we're staying the course. **There are no changes to our current restrictions and protocols.**

There is continued risk of COVID-19, especially for people over the age of 65 and with underlying health conditions. CEO Jeff Branch explained in his letter to families on May 15, 2020:

*"As a community, we are in this together, and we need to be mindful that the decisions we make as individuals impact the health of an entire community. We encourage and advise everyone to keep this in mind as they make decisions about whether to leave the community and venture off-campus.*

*'For the past three months, you have trusted us to do what's best for everyone's health, safety and well-being. We appreciate everyone's support, cooperation and endless grace. This hasn't been easy.*

*Your health and safety remain our top priority, and we will continue to follow the directives set by national and state health agencies."*

## COVID-19 Updates / Reminders

There are two individuals in the Health Center who tested positive for COVID-19. One individual, a resident in the Health Center, is in quarantine and receiving medical treatment. The other is a nursing employee who has not been on our campus or had contact with any resident or team member in the past 14 days. We are closely monitoring all residents and team members for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

For months, our team members have been in PPE and practicing diligent hand washing and infection control measures. In our research and our discussions with state and local health experts, we understand there is a strong possibility that we will see a rise in the number of cases in both assisted living and health care. We are prepared, and have a proper staffing protocols in place to ensure continuity of care and services continue.

We continue to adhere to all protocols set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Maryland Department of Health, including strict hand washing procedures and wearing full Personal Protection Equipment (PPE),

including N95 masks, eye goggles, gowns, and gloves when interacting with residents who are sick. In addition:

- Health care 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
- No visitation policy remains in effect
- Health screening and temperature checks are required for all essential visitors (end of life care) and team members

## Outdoor Opportunities for Fun & Fitness



**The Lutheran Village at MILLER'S GRANT: Entertainment in the Courtyard at Miller's Grant...**

Thank you, Thomas MacLellan, guitarist and vocalist, are featured "Entertainment in the Courtyard" performer! What a great way to spend a beautiful afternoon in Ellicott City. #inthisogether #SocialDistancing

### Outdoor T'ai Chi, led by resident

LVMG's Fitness on the Balcony is a hit, and, if residents don't have a balcony to participate, they can join us in the parking lot. We even have a T'ai Chi class!

### Entertainment in the Courtyard!

Here's snippet from last week when Thomas McClellen performed some James Brown!

<https://www.facebook.com/millersgrant/videos/1619131458250312/>

## RESOURCES

**Questions?** LVMGCares@millersgrant.org or visit [www.millersgrant.org/coronavirus](http://www.millersgrant.org/coronavirus) for updates

### Need Help Connecting with Technology?

Email [LVMGCares@millersgrant.org](mailto:LVMGCares@millersgrant.org).

### Have Questions or Concerns?

Email [LVMGCares@millersgrant.org](mailto:LVMGCares@millersgrant.org).

### Need Updates?

Visit our [Website](#) for updates or **Facebook**.

### Howard County Department of Health Information Line

Phone: 410-313-6284 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., 7 days a week

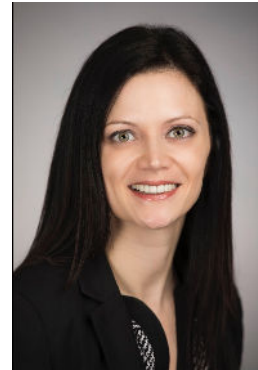
We will continue to notify you if there are updates. Our weekly Tuesday updates will continue.

### Our Online Community is Open to All! Join Us!

Visit and follow our **Facebook Page** @millersgrant for an inside look at life in our community.

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

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Executive Director  
Lutheran Village at Miller's Grant



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