Coronavirus (COVID-19) Family Update

Health Care / Assisted 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/

FUN WORD SEARCH

The Color Green Word Search Puzzle

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MONEY
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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 not only our health care residents, but also for assisted living residents.

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.

Please Note: COVID-19 testing for residents in the Health Care Center and the Assisted Living Facility is scheduled to occur on May 20th and May 21st.

We will inform you when more information is available.

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

As of today, no additional staff or residents have tested positive. As indicated last week, two individuals in the Health Center have tested positive for COVID-19. One individual, a resident in the Health Center, is in quarantine and receiving medical treatment. The other individual 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 continue to monitor all residents and team members for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. We continue to adhere to all protocols set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Maryland Department of Health to mitigate the risk of spreading COVID-19, 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
- Health screening and temperature checks for all essential visitors (end of life care) and team members entering the community
- Social distancing
- Group activities and programs are canceled

RESOURCES

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

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

Have Questions or Concerns?
Email **LVMGCares@millersgrant.org**.

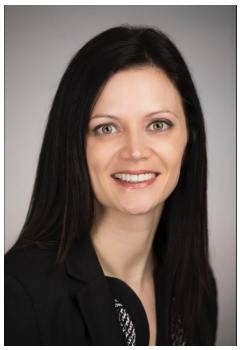
Need Updates?
Visit our **Website** for updates or **Facebook.**

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.

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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