

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Family Update Residential Living Tuesday, May 5, 2020



From the Executive Director

Dear Families,

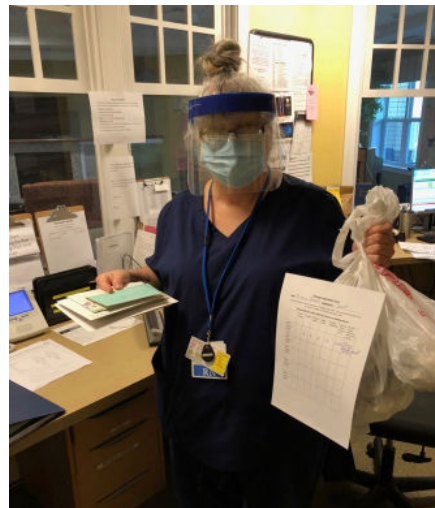
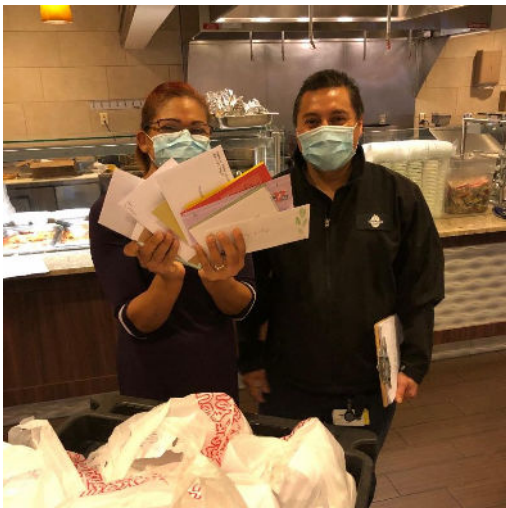
Life goes on at LVMG because everyone is doing their part to make the best of a tough situation. Thank you for understanding and cooperating with our current protocols and guidelines. Your loved ones miss you, and we do too!

Some Good News to Share!

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



Community Happenings



Last week team members were beaming from residents' hundreds of letters of appreciation. Their genuine gratitude, love and support means the world to us

And for all of the kind Facebook comments you share, we see them all and it makes our day! ❤️❤️🙏😊 Thank you!!



The children of Howard County still need our support. Lutheran Village at Miller's Grant continues to donate food to support students from the Swansfield Chapter. Thank you!!

We also welcomed a new resident to LVMG's family and awarded 2 rolls of Golden TP to our Balcony Bingo Winners!

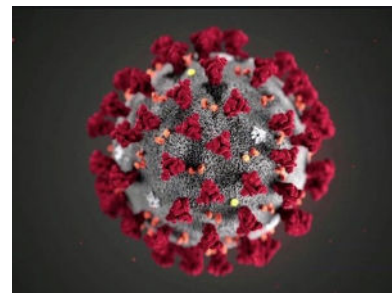


"When I fill my soul with gratitude, my light shines brighter & my love spreads wider."

Julie Richmond

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 restrictions will be directed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the local and state health officials. The safety of residents and 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.

A Bit of Good News: Patients with advanced COVID-19 who received the experimental drug Remdesivir recovered faster than similar patients who received

placebo, according to preliminary trial data, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases said. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SdqINNAEju0>

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.

If you are not feeling well or experience symptoms that include cough, fever, sore throat, chills, runny nose, and/or shortness of breath, contact your personal physician for guidance and then call our Care Coordinator at 410-696-6818 who will return your call.

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 residents 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 residents safer?"*

Change in Hours for Security Guard Stationed at Entrance

Over the past several weeks, whenever possible we have had a security guard stationed at the entrance of our community. Our goal was to educate visitors and residents of our policies, procedures, and risk of leaving the community.

Beginning this week, residents and others will notice the hours the security guard is at the front entrance will begin to decrease.

Please note that this change in hours does not reflect a change in our policies for residents leaving the community or visitor restrictions **We strongly encourage residents not to leave the community unless it is for an essential medical appointments. No visitors are allowed except for end-of-life care.**

- If you leave the community and have contact (i.e. doctors, pharmacy pick up in the store, physically shop in the grocery store), we ask that you stay in your apartment for 14 days.
- Residents who have a hospital stay, admission to a skilled or assisted living facility, visit from EMS, etc., will be required to stay in their apartment for 14 days.

We're Craving a Community Reunion, Too

But not yet. Part of what makes Miller's Grant so special are the relationships residents have with each other and with you. As an executive director who thrives from personal interactions and engagement, the governor's executive order for social distancing is a challenging one. I cannot wait for what will certainly feel like a family reunion!

Until then, it is imperative that group gatherings of 10 do not occur inside or outside of the building. In addition:

- Please do not visit in parking lots, driveways, etc. Even if residents are socially distancing, this is extremely challenging to manage with the large number of residents residing at the community.
- Residents who are walking, talking to a neighbor are required to remain at least six feet apart from each other.
- Residents inside of the building are requested to wear masks.

Here's Why:

People can test positive for coronavirus and spread the virus even if they are not showing symptoms. If your loved one needs a mask, he/she should contact Lynn Glaeser, *Director of Resident Life* 410-696-6713 or lglaeser@millersgrant.org.

A Few Friendly Reminders

No Visitors Allowed.

Only essential health visits or end-of-life care are allowed, and these individuals must be screened, and their temperatures must be checked.

Keep Supply Drop-Offs Running Smoothly.

Please notify your family member when you drop off supplies so they can come get the supplies or we can deliver them to the apartment.



Helping residents be their best selves is still our mission. From fitness and entertainment to healthy dining and wellness, our team is doing their best be creative and resourceful to keep residents “whole-person healthy!” Be sure to check out our **Flourish programming** to find out how!



Happy 40th Anniversary!

Sister community, Carroll Lutheran Village celebrated a 'soft' anniversary kick off for its 40th anniversary on May 4, 2020

This video story highlights the groundbreaking celebration! Be sure to share your well-wishes on <https://www.facebook.com/CarrollLutheranVillage>.



RESOURCES

Delivery Services: Pharmacy, Grocery and Restaurant delivery service lists are available. Residents can contact Lynn Glaeser at 410-696-6713 or lglaeser@millersgrant.org

Crossroads Pharmacy: Offering Free delivery on all prescriptions & over the counter medicines. They accept all insurances. Free N95 mask with every prescription transfer.
Phone: 410-772-7912

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.

Our Online Community is Open to All! Join Us!

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

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

Michelle Rosenheim
Executive Director
Lutheran Village at Miller's Grant



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