



## COVID-19 UPDATE

Independent Living – Family  
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**From the Executive Director  
Michelle Rosenheim**

Dear Family,

It's hard to believe we're entering the fourth month of this pandemic. I want all of you to know how much we appreciate your patience, understanding and cooperation.

Our community is filled with hope and appreciation despite the inconveniences, challenges and stresses. Daily gratitude inspires all of us to see the light at the end of this journey.

We're pleased to finally be able to offer structured visits for residents living in residential living. It's extremely important for everyone to follow the guidelines in place to ensure we keep our community safe:

- Residents are required to register for a date/time slot. Contact Wendy Hoeck at [whoeck@millersgrant.org](mailto:whoeck@millersgrant.org) or call 410-696-6772.
- Visits are limited to 1 hour.
- No more than 5 people at each designated location.
- Everyone must wear masks and maintain 6-feet social distancing.

Our community is not part of the State of Maryland's Phase 2 reopening plan. However, we are working with local and state health departments to prepare protocols and guidelines for reopening other areas of the campus in a safe, structured, controlled manner.

### **COVID-19 Update**

We're very sorry to share that a resident from our Health Care Center who had been receiving medical treatment for COVID-19 has passed away. We extend family members our prayers and support during this difficult time.

Over the weekend we learned that a spouse of a resident who had tested positive for COVID-19 is now testing positive. We had expected this result. We believe the risk of





exposure to others is minimal since this person had been in quarantine long before testing positive.

*Currently at Miller's Grant, there are:*

Staff Positive Cases: 6  
Staff Deaths: 0  
Resident Positive Cases: 3  
Resident Deaths: 1

Please keep in mind, these are cumulative numbers. Of these:

- 5 team members testing positive have recovered and returned to work.
- 1 team member testing positive is recovering.
- Three residents in independent living have tested positive and are recovering.

### **COVID-19 Testing Update**

COVID-19 testing is available through residents' primary physician and at a number of local testing sites. 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>.

We ask residents to please notify Jena Britton, Care Coordinator, when they are tested for COVID-19 and again when they receive their results: 410-696-6818 or email [JBritton@millersgrant.org](mailto:JBritton@millersgrant.org).

### **PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY**

Watch the news and you see staggering numbers of positive cases and deaths related to COVID-19 at senior living communities. Our community is not unscathed; though we are managing and containing the virus at the community by continuing to follow local and state health department guidelines.

**Only ESSENTIAL VISITORS** offering end-of-life care are allowed inside the community and health screenings are required prior to each visit.



**Personal Choices Matter.** Personal choices impact the health and safety of the entire community. We request residents to exercise personal responsibility:

- Wear face masks every time residents leave their homes.
- Follow proper handwashing procedures.
- Practice social distancing always.
- Residents should be mindful of where they go and who they interact with outside of the community. Do not place our community at risk by not following social distancing guidelines or not wearing a mask.
- No more than 2 people are allowed at one time on the elevator.
- We strongly encourage residents not to go into each other's homes.

If residents need a mask, they can contact Lynn Glaeser at 410-696-6713 or [lglaeser@millersgrant.org](mailto:lglaeser@millersgrant.org).

**Reminder:** Residents not feeling well or experiencing any of the following symptoms, including vomiting, diarrhea, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, fever, cough or shortness of breath, should contact their primary physician and Care Coordinator, Jena Britton at 410-696-6818 or email [JBritton@millersgrant.org](mailto:JBritton@millersgrant.org).

## **STANDING IN SOLIDARITY SAVE THE DATE**

**On Wednesday, June 17**, our community is standing in solidarity with all team members and residents and all those in our country who are victims of racial injustice, no matter the color of their skin. Participants will light their battery-operated candles at 12:45 p.m. for 8 minutes and 46 seconds.



Thank you for continued support and cooperation. Please contact me at 410-696-6711 or [LVMGCares@millersgrant.org](mailto:LVMGCares@millersgrant.org) with any questions or call the LVMG Cares Hotline at 410- 696-6770.

Take care and be well.

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