

Laurel View

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DATE: November 25, 2020

TO: All Laurel View Village Community Members

FROM: Timothy V. Mock, CEO

RE: COVID-19 Update

Dear Laurel View Village Community Members,

As the situation with COVID19 continues to change by the hour, we wanted to communicate an overall update of where we currently are in regard to COVID19. As you are aware last week, we had a staff member of our health care nursing center test positive, this required us to test all health care residents along with staff. **We are grateful to say all 55 residents' test from last week have come back negative.**

We then tested all staff, over 200 tests, resulting in two positive staff – one staff member in Dining and one in Personal Care Life Enrichment. This triggered us to test all Personal Care and Health Care residents, Monday, Nov. 23. We have also begun our weekly test of staff members that started Tuesday, Nov. 24 and will finalize on Wednesday, Nov. 25. We will continue to communicate results as they are received.

Our Health Care and Personal Care Centers visitation are still limited to virtual visits. Also the Beauty Shop which serves our Personal Care and Health Care residents was forced to close. There are several factors that are not yet allowing us to reopen the salon or visitation. Prior to reopening, we will need to get four consecutive weeks without positive test results, make sure staffing levels are sufficient and have county numbers decrease. At this point, we are unaware of when we may be able to reopen to in-person visitation and/or salon services. **This week Somerset County numbers have risen to 13.1%, resulting in us testing all staff twice per week until county numbers fall below 10%.**

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has also issued new travel guidance which will require all visitors to the state to quarantine for 14 days or receive a negative test result. The number of people allowed for gatherings has been lessened and stricter mask wearing guidance is in place for anyone outside their home. **Currently, we have two townhome residents from the same household that have tested positive. Residents need to continue to be vigilant in staying safe and keeping your neighbors safe. Wear your masks, wash your hands, and only go out if it is absolutely necessary.**

We have been very fortunate thus far and continue to follow guidance to keep all safe. We are grateful to our dedicated team members, many making personal sacrifices for their service here. Staff have really stepped up to help fill in roles as needed, as one of our biggest challenges is staffing due to the number of people out from exposure. Everyone is weathering this storm differently, but with schools closing again, working families are struggling to balance it all. We are trying to implement a plan to set up a learning center on campus so school age children can do their work in a safe environment, so staff can also meet their obligations here. This is a trying time for everyone.

The past few weeks have been some of the most challenging weeks for Laurel View Village. Residents, staff, and families are all weary, but we all need to continue to show grace, fortitude and we continue to ask for your support and prayers during this difficult time. Psalm 29:11 says, "The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace". I pray that he continues to give each of you strength and peace sufficient for these trying times and that we each can find gratitude this Thanksgiving even though the holiday will be different. Stay healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Mock', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Timothy V. Mock
CEO