



THE VILLAGE AT
AUGSBURG
A National Lutheran Community

Date: September 30, 2020
To: Assisted Living & Skilled Nursing
Residents and Families
From: Cyndi Walters, Interim Executive
Director
Subject: Path Forward Community Update

I am pleased to report at the time of this memo, The Village at Augsburg remains free from COVID-19. We continue to operationalize plans for phase three of reopening in skilled nursing and assisted living. Our top priority will remain keeping the community free of the virus, while moving on our Path Forward to a new “normal.”

Yesterday, we announced we will be welcoming a new attending physician. On October 1, 2020, Michael Thomas, M.D., will begin providing physician services at The Village at Augsburg, and he will begin serving as the attending physician as of October 29, 2020. Together with Olusola Essien, NP, they will ensure residents continue receiving quality medical care. Our goal is to make this a seamless transition, therefore, Dr. Tasneem Lakhani is also available for physician services through October 29, 2020.

Last week, a reporter from WBAL, the Baltimore NBC affiliate visited the community to profile in-person visitation. If you have not had an opportunity to watch the video, please do so [here](#). Moments like these make us all smile and it lifts our spirits.

We are working on processes and procedures for indoor visitation that will be allowed under phase three. According to state regulations, visitors will not be permitted in common areas, and must remain in their loved ones room. We will also have to ensure masks are worn (covering your nose and mouth) and social distancing is maintained at all times. We will also limit the number of visitors per resident, per day (similar to what we are doing now). It is of utmost importance for us to keep everyone healthy, and be able to remain in phase three. If we are to have a positive resident or team member, the state will require us to go back to outbreak status, then move through the phases again.

We will have more information on phase three in the coming weeks. In the meantime, we encourage you to continue scheduling outdoor visitation at:

Assisted living: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/assistedlivingcourtyard>

Skilled nursing: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/tvaafamilysignup>

All our Path Forward updates can be found on our website at:

<https://www.thevillageataugsburg.org/pathforward>.

We remain grateful for your support and hope you are staying well.

MEMORANDUM