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A National Lutheran Community

As many of you have heard, this week Governor Hogan issued a new executive order to assist in slowing the spread of COVID-19 through the state of Maryland. We have received and implemented the order, which requires us to:

- Test all skilled nursing residents for COVID-19 once a week
- Test all team members for COVID-19 twice a week
- Until further notice, visitation for skilled nursing will be limited to virtual visits and glass door visits
- We are able to continue indoor visitation for assisted living at this time, however, any visitors are now required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of your visit

We learned yesterday an essential medical contractor who was in our building last week tested positive for COVID-19. In talking with the health department and NLCS' Director of Clinical Services, we have determined the risk to residents is extremely low. This person did not spend more than about five minutes with residents and was in full PPE. We have been advised that the risk of exposure is so minimal that we do not need to place individuals who had contact with this person on quarantine. All residents at all care levels remain free of COVID-19.

Our goal continues to be keeping residents safe from COVID-19. In addition to wearing PPE, maintaining social distancing, frequently washing hands and regularly disinfecting common areas, we continue to provide team members with regular guidance and education on best practices while they are outside of our buildings.

We also want to acknowledge we are in contact with our suppliers and starting to plan for the release of a COVID-19 vaccine. Nobody is certain of a timeline, however, as soon as we can move forward with a safe and effective vaccination, we will put plans in place to make the vaccine available to residents and team members. We are unsure of what the federal or state governments will require in terms of the vaccine, but will keep all of you updated as we learn more.

As always, we are thankful for your continued patience, cooperation and prayers.

All updates can be found online at [www.thevillageataugsburg.org/pathforward](http://www.thevillageataugsburg.org/pathforward).

Virtual visits and glass door visits for skilled nursing can be scheduled at:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/tvaafamilysignup>

Assisted living visits can be scheduled at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/assistedlivingindoor>

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