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To: Augsburg Assisted Living Residents and Families  
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As we enter 2021, I hope everyone is filled with a renewed sense of hope for a better year than last. With many of Augsburg's residents and team members vaccinated, we are certainly moving in a positive direction and to the next step of defeating the COVID-19 pandemic. However, while this is a light at the end of the tunnel, we are still urging strict compliance with infection control practices.

As a reminder, the vaccine takes two doses before it is effective, and after the second dose, it is not effective for an additional 14 to 21 days. This means it is still possible to contract COVID-19 for some time after receiving the vaccine, making it important to follow all established protocols.

The team at Augsburg understands more than anything, we all want to be able to gather in-person and connect again, however, we all must understand that the vaccine does not give us the immediate protection to do so. Additionally, as an organization, we must also continue to adhere to the guidelines Governor Hogan and Baltimore County have put in place.

With all of the above in mind, assisted living protocols until further notice include:

- Out of an abundance of caution, we are continuing to limit visitation to virtual and glass door visits while the country continues to see post-holiday surges in COVID-19 cases. We will reevaluate this as case numbers stabilize. It is also important to note that we are still required to limit visitation in accordance with state mandates.
- When outside of their rooms, all assisted living residents will be masked. Our team members continue to use masks during their shifts.
- We will continue twice weekly testing of team members in accordance with Maryland's regulations.
- We are working on reopening our dining room. This will be at a low occupancy to ensure social distancing.
- We are holding small group activities (less than 10 people) where all participants are masked and social distanced.
- If we have any positive cases of COVID-19 in assisted living residents or team members, per the Department of Health, we will have to return to outbreak status.

I cannot stress enough how much I understand that it is frustrating to still be fighting this virus and the restrictions that come with it. My hope is that as more people are vaccinated, we can ease restrictions more and more as we shoot for a return to normal. For the time being, our goal is to remain cautious and keep assisted living out of outbreak status.

We continue to thank you for your patience and support.

# MEMORANDUM