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To: All Augsburg Residents and Families  
From: Rusty Mitchell, Executive Director  
Subject: Path Forward Community Update



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I am pleased to share we have achieved another week with no new cases of COVID-19 in residents or team members.

The start of easing restrictions has brought a positive change to residents and team members at Augsburg. The little things that we all took for granted prior to the COVID-19 pandemic are now cherished. Residents are enjoying each other's company during meals and small group activities, and of course, everyone is enjoying the reopening of our salon.

Following guidelines from the Maryland Department of Health, our team is continually reviewing our visitation schedule to open as many visits as possible to prioritize the health and safety of residents and team members. We will continue to look for opportunities to enhance visitation experiences in the weeks ahead.

Currently, we are following our weekly COVID-19 testing guidelines for team members and upon symptoms for residents. It is important to remember that if a resident or team member tests positive for COVID-19, it may impact the in-person visitation schedule. As always, we appreciate the efforts of our entire community to remain diligent on practicing proper infection control protocols.

As we move on our path forward, we do want to still be cautious. Every decision we make is meant to support the health and safety of residents. To that note, over the past week we have had many ask about bringing your loved one home for the Easter holiday. While we understand this desire, we do not feel we are at the point yet to be able to do this. With restrictions eased in Maryland, we are concerned about a post-Easter spike in cases, and we do not want any resident to be included in those numbers. We will be preparing for an Easter celebration here at the community including an Easter worship service.

We are thankful for your continued support. Please find all updates online at [www.thevillageataugsburg.org/pathforward](http://www.thevillageataugsburg.org/pathforward).

# MEMORANDUM