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To: Augsburg IL Residents and Families
From: Tina Minio, IL Manager
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It has been an eventful couple months as residents and team members are able to enjoy time in the community in a new normal. Rest assured, this memo does not come with bad news. We know there is a lot of trepidation as COVID-19 cases rise nationally, especially with the severity of the delta variant. Right now, Augsburg is still free from the virus. However, the delta variant is quickly spreading throughout Baltimore and the surrounding areas. We do not want to end up with the independent living neighborhood in quarantine, so are asking each of you to recommit to doing your part to fight the spread of the virus.

Pay attention to those you are spending time with. Ensure that if you are spending time indoors with unvaccinated individuals, you are wearing a mask to lower your risk of getting the virus. Ask questions about vaccination status, if they've been exposed or returned from any vacations. Paying attention to those you spend time with also aids in contact tracing should you or someone in your social group test positive. This applies to both your fellow residents at Augsburg, and those you are spending time without outside of the community.

Mask when you are in public spaces outside of the community. This includes grocery stores, restaurants and spending time indoors at other's homes. We also strongly recommend the use of a mask throughout the common areas at Augsburg. We have not mandated this, but if Baltimore County mandates mask use indoors, we will have to take this step. The county is currently at a 3.7% positivity rate and is still climbing.

Get vaccinated if you are not already. The vaccine may not protect you from getting a breakthrough case, but in most breakthrough cases, symptoms are mild and do not end up resulting in hospitalization or death. If you have questions about the vaccine, our clinical team has many individuals who are well versed to talk with you about questions and/or hesitations.

Monitor for symptoms daily. We can provide assistance with temperature checks and pulse ox checks. We can also provide a test should you need one.

In addition, make sure you are washing your hands and disinfecting surfaces regularly.

As always, we are grateful for your support. All updates can be found online at:

<https://www.thevillageataugsburg.org/covid-19-updates/>.

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