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To: All AL and SNF Residents and Families  
From: John Ottena, Healthcare Administrator  
Subject: Path Forward Update



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Today we learned a team member who works in assisted living and an assisted living resident have tested positive for COVID-19. This extends the outbreak period. As a reminder, this does **not** restrict visitation, but we are requesting visitors remain vigilant about infection control.

Baltimore County has also been moved to the “high transmission” category, which does automatically trigger changes to visitation guidelines.

- **Important: If you are sick or have been around others who are ill or if suspect you’ve been exposed to COVID-19 at any point in the last 14 days, please do not visit. We cannot stress the importance of following this first guideline enough.**
- Starting this evening, visitors to the Health Center must show proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of your visit.
- Self-administered tests will be available on-site. Please allow an additional 15-20 minutes to your schedule if you need to take a test in the Health Center.
- **All visitors must enter at the ambulance entrance.** Upon each entry to the Health Center:
  - Visitors must complete the COVID-19 screening, including proof of a negative test taken with 72 hours
  - Show proof of COVID-19 vaccination
  - Perform hand hygiene (alcohol-based hand sanitizer acceptable)
  - Put on a fresh mask provided at the front desk of the Health Center.
- Masks must be worn upon entrance and until you arrive to your loved ones room. We continue to encourage social distancing even when in the resident’s room to lower the risk of transmission.
- Any visitor who cannot follow masking and social distancing requirements will not be permitted to visit.
- If you have recently tested positive for COVID-19, visitors may not visit for a minimum of ten days from the positive test date, as long as they are no longer exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.
- Children younger than two years old are not authorized to visit.
- Guests can visit anytime throughout the day but may not stay overnight.
- We encourage a maximum of two visitors in each resident’s room or apartment at a time for physical distancing.
- Visitors are authorized to be in a resident’s room/apartment or in designation visitation areas only.
- Visitors may not join in any programming/activities at this time.

We understand this is disappointing news for many of you. We also understand outside of our community, many of you have been able to resume life as normal. However, we ask you to remember that as an organization providing care to those most vulnerable to this virus, we are required to follow more restrictive guidelines to protect the health of the residents. We appreciate your cooperation as we continue to battle COVID-19. All updates may be found online at <https://www.thevillageataugsborg.org/covid-19-updates/>.

# MEMORANDUM