

The following letter was sent by the Executive Director and Resident Council Chair of each Asbury community.

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Dear Residents,

We have learned that COVID-19 is invisible and everywhere. People with no symptoms can carry highly contagious viral loads that can cause serious illness and even death to the person who stood next to them for just five minutes in a supermarket line. The virus can live for days on surfaces that an infected person touched. A slight brush of the hand over one's face provides it with entry into one's body. Yet, we are seeing people within Asbury Methodist Village who have chosen to put all of us at risk by ignoring the government mandates to **STAY AT HOME**.

To put it bluntly, the COVID-19 pandemic is reaching new heights as we speak. For almost a month, we have had to make lifestyle changes of a nature not seen in generations. We are past the time to ask for people to wash their hands and do physical distancing. We are beyond the time in which wearing a mask when going outside is optional. ***It's time to stay home unless absolutely necessary. Our health and well-being -- and maybe even our survival, and that of our neighbors -- depend on it.***

Some other issues that you must consider before opening your doors and heading outside of the boundaries of Asbury Methodist Village are:

1. In Maryland, the Governor has made it clear that infections are increasing and, for your life and that of your neighbors, he has instructed us to **STAY AT HOME**.
2. **Every time you leave our community, you are endangering yourself and others.**
3. At Asbury Methodist Village, we have access to deliveries for prepared food, groceries, pharmacy and other services to ride this pandemic in relative comfort.
4. Many routine medical appointments can be achieved through telehealth services.
5. As this pandemic continues to spread, it is overwhelming the health care system. If you get sick, you are adding to the challenges that the staff at the local hospitals are facing.
6. Based on current regulations, nobody will be able to visit you for the duration of your hospital stay.

In summary, if you choose to treat leaving the grounds of Asbury Methodist Village as no big deal, you can easily become a carrier, a victim, or both. You can be the reason for a loved one or another person close to you to get sick or worse. To avoid all that, please **STAY AT HOME**. *Finally, Asbury Methodist Village, consistent with our commitment to the safety of residents and associates, has not ruled out additional enforcement mechanisms, up to and including contract revocation, for repeated violations of government mandates.*

Thank you in advance for your consideration. As we all know, a picture is worth a thousand words and we are including an image below for you to review. When you look at it, please ask yourself the question: *Would you still go out if you could see COVID-19?*

For those of you who receive this letter and are already abiding by the rules, please accept our gratitude. We all want to be at the other side of this tragic situation, and we count on you to do your part.

Would you still go out if you could see it?

