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Dear Residents & Staff:

RiverWoods is committed to providing a safe living and work environment for all residents, staff, volunteers, partners, and guests. This means that we take special care to ensure the health and wellness of those who live and work here.

With the recent news about the coronavirus (COVID-19), I wanted to take this opportunity to assure you that our community is always diligent about preparation, process and awareness regarding preventive measures for communicable viruses and diseases.

We are mindful of the coronavirus situation and are monitoring it, just as we have been doing with influenza at our communities and health care centers. The measures we are taking for coronavirus are similar to those already in place for Influenza, with a few additional updates, such as:

• We have reviewed and updated our Communicable Disease Policy to include additional steps for prevention.
• As part of the resident admissions process, and staff hiring process, we have added inquiries about international travel.

Additionally, I want you to know that I will be in touch with local authorities to ensure we are current with their plans and actions. I will also be checking in at least weekly with the Asbury Communities Clinical Team to evaluate and discuss our planning and monitoring efforts.

I ask that you please continue to follow good health habits. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend:

• Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
• Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
• Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
• Stay home when you are sick.
• Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
• Clean and disinfect frequently-touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
Additional documentation from the CDC about coronavirus can be found by going to www.cdc.gov/coronavirus; additional information about Influenza can be found by going to www.cdc.gov/flu.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Lennea Brown
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