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A message from Michele Potter, Executive Director

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Dear Residents, Family Members & Associates,

During the month of May I have been sharing updated information with you on how Asbury Methodist Village, in collaboration with the Asbury Communities COVID-19 Command Center, has strove to develop processes aimed at identifying those residents who were appropriate to test for COVID-19, and worked tirelessly with state and local health authorities to secure tests as soon as practicable. I have also shared how we implemented comprehensive screening procedures to identify individuals within our workforce who may carry the disease, removed them from service consistent with the guidelines, and referred them to their primary care physicians for further evaluation based on the screening criteria.

You will recall in early May, the Command Center secured an alternative testing source with capacity to test the remaining asymptomatic residents of the Wilson Health Care Center (WHCC), and clinical resources from Asbury Communities managed the testing process in conjunction with the WHCC leadership. Last week we were visited by the Maryland National Guard, who were members of the Maryland support team. They shared positive comments and observations on our screening process, as well as other protocols in place in the WHCC. By the end of the week we completed testing on WHCC residents and associates. Results indicate six (6) new positive resident cases out of one hundred and sixty (160) residents tested. Results also indicate that twenty (20) associates tested positive out of four hundred and ninety-four (494) associates tested. All individuals were asymptomatic at the time of testing.

Tireless efforts by Asbury and AMV leadership, as well as Asbury residents and family members, allow me to share a wonderful announcement with you. By the end of today, we expect to receive testing materials from the state of Maryland in order to test all Kindley Assisted Living (KAL) residents and associates, as well as all Residential Living residents and associates. Testing will

be coordinated and performed by clinical resources from Asbury Communities in conjunction with the WHCC and KAL leadership. Currently we plan to conduct KAL testing this Thursday and Friday, and Residential Living during the week of June 1st. We will assign neighborhoods specific times and locations throughout the week. Watch for more details in the coming days.

While it is not mandatory at this time that all Residential Living residents be tested, we strongly recommend and encourage taking advantage of this opportunity while testing materials are available. Additionally, I recently shared with you a quote that resonated with me: *“Each and every one of us has an obligation to exercise personal responsibility for ourselves, for our families, for our coworkers and for our neighbors.”* As residents of Asbury Methodist Village, I urge you to take the obligation of responsibility for one another seriously. I ask you to join me and the leaders of our community in our commitment to continue to make the health, safety and well-being of all who live and work here our highest priority. We all have a responsibility to support and protect each other. The WHCC Medical Director will provide medical support for necessary documentation. We encourage you to speak with your health provider or other trusted advisor about the benefits of testing.

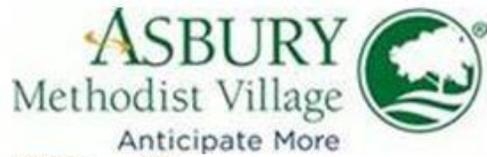
Results will be first communicated to KAL associates and residents/resident representatives, and then to Residential Living associates and residents/resident representatives. Residents testing positive will self-quarantine in their personal residence. Staff will provide individual support and services. Associates who test positive will follow physician notification and self-quarantine protocols established by the CDC. Our clinical teams will also conduct internal contact tracing and remain in touch to monitor the progress of these associates, and following CDC/CMS guidelines regarding timeline for safe return to work.

Please be aware that the number of pending COVID-19 test results for KAL and Residential Living residents and associates will fluctuate during this time period. As a reminder, all COVID-19 data is updated daily on the Asbury COVID-19 Response and Communication webpage at [Asbury.org/COVID19](https://www.asbury.org/COVID19).

Our top priority will remain the health, safety and welfare of the residents we serve and the associates who fulfill their higher purpose by performing sacred work. We thank you for your continuing support and understanding during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

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