

## A Message from the Executive Director

Sept. 25, 2020

Dear Residents & Family Members,

We've had a long journey together during the pandemic. I don't need to remind you of where we were eight months ago – and the evolution of all the measures and precautions we've worked through since then with one goal above all else: the health and safety of those who live and work here.

As COVID-19 cases in our greater area have stayed below certain thresholds and our community has continued to perform regular testing with minimal, if any, positive results, we're at a point now where we are able to expand upon our reopening across the community. This is in line with CDC, CMS, State of Maryland, and local guidelines and requirements, as well as in consultation with the Asbury Communities Clinical and Operations teams.

We have shared before what Asbury President & CEO Doug Leidig has said: "Reopening is not like turning on a light switch. Think of it as slowly turning up a dimmer switch." Well, moving the dimmer switch here at Asbury Solomons has intentionally been slow and steady, and today I'm happy to announce that **we are increasing our visitation opportunities beginning Thursday, Oct. 1.**

**Here's what you need to know:**

- **Residents in Residential Living will be able to have more than two visitors at a time.** The number of visitors allowed must be determined by the host resident with consideration of the size of the residence to allow for 6 feet of physical distancing at all times.

- **There is no time limit for visitors, and overnight visits are fine** so long as physical distancing and all hand and health hygiene measures are followed.
- As we have recently shared, **visitors are required to screen in through the new 98.6 process, and must pass the screening to enter the community.** This includes the online screening form available at [bit.ly/AsburyEntryPass](https://bit.ly/AsburyEntryPass) and use of the temperature kiosk at the screening area.
- **Visitors to cottage residents are not required to screen in unless they enter the main community with a resident** to visit a shared space.
- **Residents should continue to utilize the self-monitoring checklist daily.** [Click here to view](#) or refer to the hard copy version you have been provided.

I cannot stress enough the importance of making the right health and safety decisions when both here and outside of our community.

As we open up for more visitors, please keep in mind that it does not mean we are safe from the virus or that the crisis is over. Each and every one of us has an obligation to exercise personal responsibility for ourselves, for our families, for those who serve us and for our neighbors. If Calvert County should regress or if we encounter a new positive COVID-19 case, we will revert to previous measures and we will communicate that change with you. As a reminder, all COVID-19 data is updated daily at [Asbury.org/COVID19](https://Asbury.org/COVID19).

Please note that these updates and reminders are also included on our community operations site, [Asbury.org/asbury-solomons/resources-events/family-friends](https://Asbury.org/asbury-solomons/resources-events/family-friends).

Looking a little further ahead, we are working through plans now for the upcoming holiday season and determining how best to accommodate residents and families. Certainly these plans will be fluid, but as we establish how Asbury Solomons will handle each circumstance we will communicate with you.

Thank you for your continued commitment to safety and for abiding by the precautions we have in place. I know the challenges have been significant, the road has been long and the path ahead might still be bumpy at times, but our ability to come together as a Solomons family has gotten us to this point. I look forward to seeing you around the community!

Sincerely,

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