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## A Message from the Executive Director

Sept. 30, 2020

Dear Residential Living 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 Cumberland County have stayed below 5 percent 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, 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 Bethany Village has intentionally been slow and steady, and today I'm happy to announce that **we are increasing our visitation opportunities in Residential Living beginning Monday, Oct. 5.**

*Prior to inviting any visitors, please check the [PA COVID-19 Travelers Info page here](#) to ensure any visitors you plan to host have followed the state guidance on travelers (you can also view [travel-related FAQs provided by the state here](#)).*

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

- **Residents in Residential Living will be able to have more than two visitors at a time.** There may now be up to 4 visitors at a time with the understanding and 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 (2 overnight visitors max) are fine** so long as masking, 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 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 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 Cumberland 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](#).

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 community has gotten us to this point.

Sincerely,

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