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*This message is going to associates, and to residents and family members on our community distribution list.*

## A Message from the Executive Director







October 2, 2020

Dear Residents, Family Members & Associates

We've heard the experts and seen the facts about masks and its role in preventing the spread of COVID-19, especially when combined with other everyday preventive actions. We've seen campaign after campaign on TV or billboards reminding us to "Mask Up!" So, it gives me great pleasure to say that no additional mask-wearing reminders are needed here at Bethany Village. Residents, associates, families and visitors have been so great in making sure to "Mask Up" when entering or traveling about our community.

Masks have become a central part of our lives for months now. Today, picking out a mask each morning goes right along with picking out what shirt we're going to wear! Thank you for continuing to put on and wear your masks as part of your routine. It is crucial that we continue to do so while we're here at the community, out and about running errands or wherever our days may take us.

I want to share a few reminders today about proper mask-wearing. I saw a few really neat and helpful graphics from the CDC recently and I wanted to share those with you. Please keep the following in mind:

DO choose masks that	DO NOT choose masks that
 <p>Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric</p>	 <p>Are made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe, for example, vinyl</p>
 <p>Completely cover your nose and mouth</p>	 <p>Have exhalation valves or vents, which allow virus particles to escape</p>
 <p>Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps</p>	 <p>Are intended for healthcare workers, including N95 respirators or surgical masks</p>

And, when wearing a mask, make sure you wear it correctly:

### Do NOT wear a mask

			
Around your neck	On your forehead	Under your nose	Only on your nose
			
On your chin	Dangling from one ear	On your arm	

Thanks for wearing your mask (and showing off your mask style) appropriately. Oh, and in case you're ever wondering: Yes, even behind our masks, we're wearing smiles!

Please read on for some of our latest updates and highlights across our community.

## Updates and Reminders

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

- Our campus has begun to slowly ease visitation restrictions in line with state and local guidelines. See visitation details in the Campus Reopening section on our

[Friends & Family page.](#)

- **Residential Living Visitation Update:** 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 I recently announced that we are increasing our visitation opportunities in Residential Living beginning Monday, Oct. 5. [Click here to read the announcement.](#)
- **Screening Process:** As a reminder we updated our screening process here at Bethany Village. Please click the following links to read the original messages we sent out that include all the details you need to know.
  - [Screening process for associates](#)
  - [Screening process for residents, family members and visitors](#)
- **Dining Update:** We are happy to share that the Collegiate Cafe reopened Monday, Sept. 21, and Springfields reopened Monday, Sept. 28. [Please click here to view the announcement](#) we sent about these reopenings.
- **As a reminder, all COVID-19 data is updated daily on the Asbury COVID-19 Response and Communication webpage at [Asbury.org/COVID19](#).** You can find the daily status charts in the first blue button on the side bar.

## Health & Wellness -- Wellness & Connection During COVID-19

**McKnight's**   
**SENIOR LIVING**  
News, perspective and analysis



Justin Margut

We're happy to share that Bethany Village Wellness Director Justin Margut and Asbury Solomons Wellness Director Dennis Poremski teamed up for a guest column in a national publication, [McKnight's Senior Living](#), where they wrote about resident wellness and connection in the time of COVID-19. One of the topics they touched on is: Finding the silver linings amidst the challenges presented by the pandemic. They, like all Asbury

community wellness teams, did just that by using technology and doubling down on the use of it to do virtual classes and more. [Read what Justin and Dennis had to say, click here.](#)

## Asbury Moves up on Annual Ranking of Largest Providers

Asbury Communities has moved up a spot in the 2020 list of the largest not-for-profit senior living providers. Asbury is now the 16th largest provider in the United States. The rankings were revealed in this year's LeadingAge Ziegler 200 report, which analyzes and ranks the nation's 200 largest, most complex not-for-profit senior living providers. [Read more here.](#)

## Here's a GEM!



All across the Asbury system, we lift up associates with GEMs, which stands for associates who Go the Extra Mile! GEMs are given for a job well done from associate-to-associate. So far this year we have had more than dozens and dozens of GEMs given at our community and today I want to feature one for **Karen Martin, Cosmetologist:**

**“Karen was finishing up her schedule in the Beauty Shop and heard her assistance could be used in The Oaks. Karen went right over without a second thought and her assistance was appreciated by associates and residents alike. That is what Karen has done since the pandemic started. She goes wherever asked or needed without hesitation and is very good with residents. Karen, thank you for all you do for the residents and Bethany.” - Debbie Barris, Director of Administrative Services**

## Messages of Appreciation

Nearly 250 messages of thanks from family members and residents have come in for associates across the Asbury system over the past few months. We are so appreciative of those messages. Here's an excerpt from a message from a resident:

**"I would like to thank both Justin Margut and Kristin Juchem for their dedication in providing wellness and resident life activities over the past 6 months. They have been creative in finding activities to assist residents in maintaining wellness routines, activities to stimulate the mind (i.e. puzzles, bingo) and fun activities like delivering goodie bags to the residents. Justin has also been a big help in assisting residents with Zoom and FaceTime. The Bethany Readers (group) has been able to continue on Zoom, and he has assisted several (residents) which has allowed them to participate. Kristen is a bundle of energy, and clearly has resident interests at heart. Thank you to them both."**

If you'd like to share a note of thanks, [please click here to launch a form](#) where you can type in your note of appreciation. We will take your submissions and find creative ways to share with associates. Thank you!

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We are all in this together. Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation. We are #AsburyStrong!

Sincerely,

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