A Message from the Executive Director

Nov. 23, 2020

Dear Residents & Family Members,

I'd like to share an update and reminder regarding visitation for residents who live in the Assisted Living and Health Care neighborhoods here at Asbury Solomons. As you might remember, about a week ago, we shared a message regarding Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan's announcement on new actions the state was taking to help combat the spread of the coronavirus. As with the evolving guidance around combating the pandemic, so, too, must be our response to do all we can to protect those who live and work here.

Among the travel-related actions laid out by the state is an important one regarding visitation for Assisted Living and Health Care Center residents. Per the latest guidelines, ***"All visitors must have proof of a negative COVID-19 test result within 72 hours prior to their visit."***

For us here at Solomons, we are prepared to follow this new directive effective immediately. If you would like to visit your loved one in Health Care, please call Mary Williams at (410) 394-3076 to make an appointment for visitation. If you would like to schedule a visit in Assisted Living, please call Karly Thompson at (410) 394-3484 to make an appointment for visitation. All visitation appointments will be scheduled on a weekly basis.

Visitors will be required to provide proof of a negative test result within 72 hours of the scheduled visit in advance of the visit. When submitting documentation of your negative test result, please include the test recipient's name, the date of the test, and the negative result. You may email your documentation to either Mary, at mwilliams@asbury.org, or to Karly, at kthompson@asbury.org. Test results may also be confidentially faxed to (410) 394-3447.

Visitors must continue to go through our screening process, completing this [online form](#) and performing a temperature check upon arrival. As you will note on the screening form, if a visitor fails the screening, then they should leave the community immediately and inform the resident they were planning to see.

If you are visiting from a restricted state, in addition to providing proof of a negative test result, your loved one will be required to self-quarantine after your visit for 14 days. Please [click here](#) to read the state advisory to see what states Maryland considers high-risk. To take a look at the state tracking by the CDC, for state positivity rates, [click here](#), and for state case rates, please [click here](#).

I'll also use this opportunity to ask you to please continue to be honest in your responses to the screening tools and to remind you that all Solomons associates go through twice-daily screenings when working, screening at the beginning and end of shift, and they are additionally expected to follow all state and local departments of health guidance.

I urge you to follow the guidance from Gov. Hogan, other public health experts and our own Asbury Communities Clinical Team. Should your holiday travel plans be impacted as a result of this information, please know that we continue to offer virtual visits. Please contact Dennis Poremski at X3043. Additionally, we are decorating for the holidays here just as we ever have! And we're moving ahead with holiday celebrations, with festive (and physically-distanced!) events. The pandemic can't take away our feeling of togetherness, and we will do all we can to celebrate just that through the holiday season.

If you have any questions about visitation or what the state's new actions mean to you, please reach out to Mary Williams or Karly Thompson. Thank you for your partnership in making our community so special.

Additionally, please continue to visit our [Community Information & Operations page here](#) for regular updates regarding the community.

Sincerely,

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