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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

November 25, 2020

Dear Residents, Family Members and Associates,

In most years, Thanksgiving marks an opportunity for all of us to gather with family and friends, while sharing food, stories and maybe playing a little backyard football. This year, the holiday will look different, but that doesn't mean it has to feel different.

In a year in which everything has been upended, we have all gotten creative to find new routines, become more comfortable with technology, and bond over our collective effort to address the pandemic. While not always obvious, there are positives that have come about over the past nine months. This Thanksgiving I hope you can take a minute to reflect and be thankful for what we do have, what we have learned and how we're stronger as a community.

Here's a quote about giving thanks from author Melody Beattie, and I think it's especially appropriate for this year:

*"Gratitude turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion into clarity...it makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."*

As you create a new experience for this Thanksgiving, I hope you can find joy in being grateful for what we do have, what we've overcome, and what lies ahead.

As I spend a moment reflecting during the holiday, at the top of my list will be how grateful I am for your partnership during this trying year. Thank you.

Happy Thanksgiving.

## Community Visitation & Operations Website

As you are likely aware, COVID-19 cases continue to rise around us and all across the country. As many experts have said, we are in the midst of a new surge of the pandemic, and we must respond accordingly.

Rising numbers bring, as we should expect, additional guidance around combating the pandemic. Therefore, we must remain fluid in our response to do all we can to protect those who live and work here. Our journey through this unprecedented challenge is continually evolving. The Asbury System Operations Team continues to work collaboratively with our community leadership team, including our highly experienced clinicians from acute, post-acute, and senior living backgrounds, and operational experts.

While we will continue to communicate timely and important changes to you via email, I want to remind you that our website remains the go-to source for our community operations, including visitation rules, who to contact, and more.

[Please visit our community page here.](#)

## Important & Timely Community Updates

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

- **Visitation and travel reminder:** The key COVID-19 metrics that the state of Maryland tracks have worsened considerably in recent weeks. We encourage residents to remain close to home for the holidays in accordance with Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan's and the CDC recommendations. We cannot restrict residential living residents from traveling, but we do require testing and quarantine upon your return in accordance with state and federal requirements and guidelines, and with our current policies. There are exceptions for limited travel within the DMV area. If residents visit -- or receive visitors from -- the following regions, they are exempt from the requirement to quarantine and present a negative COVID-19 test: D.C., Va., Pa., Del., and W.Va. If a loved one is visiting you from these states, you will not need to quarantine and your guest will not need to show evidence of a negative COVID-19 test. [Please click here to read my original message with more details.](#)
- **Testing is an important component of our COVID-19 prevention strategy.** We are pleased to share some outstanding results for Asbury Methodist Village and the Asbury system. As of November 1, Asbury has conducted just over 22,000 COVID-19 tests at our communities with a positivity rate of just .5 percent. This compares to a national positivity rate of 7 percent. At Asbury Methodist Village, we have conducted 9,110 tests with a positivity rate of just .5 percent. Associates at Wilson Health Care Center and Kindley Assisted Living undergo weekly testing. Residents of Wilson Health Care Center and Kindley Assisted Living undergo testing as ordered by a physician and/or as instructed by the Maryland Department of Health.

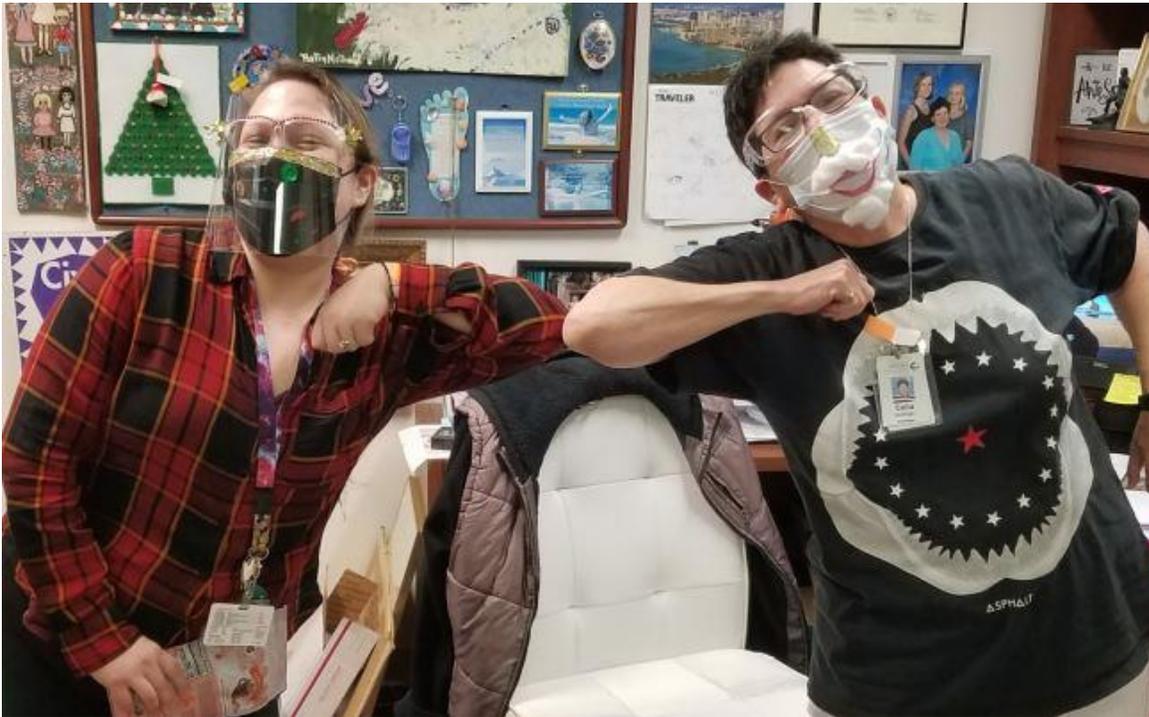
- [AMV Thanksgiving reminders -- click here for more on the following](#): Pastoral care and counseling worship updates, opportunities for quiet reflection and ... are you able to lend a hand to help decorate?
- **As a reminder, all COVID-19 data is updated daily on the Asbury COVID-19 Response and Communication webpage** at [Asbury.org/COVID19](https://www.asbury.org/COVID19). You can find the daily status charts in the first blue button on the side bar.

## Wilson Health Care Center Featured in U.S. News & World Report's Best Nursing Homes Ratings

The Wilson Health Care Center (WHCC) at Asbury Methodist Village was recognized recently in the U.S News & World Report's 2020-2021 Best Nursing Homes ratings, which evaluates more than 15,000 nursing homes and narrows it to the best of the best. WHCC earned a high-performing rating in short-term rehabilitation. Asbury Methodist Village Associate Executive Director **Rachel Karish** says the rating shows off the team's ability to quickly create bonds and get residents healthy and home.

"I think it validates all of the hard work that goes into providing excellent care and making connections and relationships, especially during COVID-19," Rachel said on WHCC's rating. "With visitation limited during the pandemic, we become their family for them. And I think it just brings the health care we provide to a whole new level. It's not just health care, it's creating relationships." [Click here to read more.](#)

## Getting into the Spirit!



How about a little cheer, mask style?! Themed days are now in at Kindley Assisted Living and here are Reflections Coordinator **Martha Macias** and Activity Coordinator **Celia Nathan** sharing a little holiday cheer with decorative (and creative) masks! Happy holidays!

## Messages of Appreciation

We are so appreciative of the messages of thanks we receive, like the one below we recently received from a family member:

***"Karla Orellana Jones has been the lifeline for our family ... Karla, you are our angel. Mom's face lights up whenever she sees you come back at the end of our FaceTime visits. She is very fond of you and we are so thankful for your loving, caring, uplifting spirit. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!"***

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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