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*This message is going to all Asbury Methodist Village residents and their families. It is also being copied to all AMV associates.*

*Check out the video below which may take a moment to load.*



## A Special Request for Community Involvement

December 11, 2020

Dear AMV Residents and Family Members,

Your help is requested! I am reaching out to the Asbury Methodist Village

Community today to ask for your help in a new and specific way.

Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan and the Secretary of Health have issued orders requiring nursing homes (health care centers) and assisted living communities to test both both their staff and their residents. We appreciate the guidance offered by the state, CDC and others. A recent state order on testing, however, is incredibly burdensome to senior living communities in Maryland.

We recognize the need for COVID-19 testing to identify and mitigate the spread of the coronavirus – and testing has been an important component of our mitigation efforts here for many months now. The recent orders, [which you can read about in more detail here](#), call for required additional testing. While we appreciate the state's assistance in providing some supplies and materials, it does not begin to cover the additional overall costs, including PPE and staffing, that are associated with the increased testing. Financially, it will be difficult to sustain. To put it in context, when you combine Asbury Methodist Village with our sister community in Maryland, Asbury Solomons, the combined cost for testing is in excess of \$100,000 *per week*. **Additional financial support from the state is needed, and that's why we're reaching out to our Asbury family today – to help us in a letter-writing campaign to state legislators to make them aware of this issue and the impact it is having on communities in the state.**

**HOW YOU CAN HELP:** Many voices may create the awareness we need on this issue to help us get the additional funding we're seeking. We are asking Asbury Methodist Village residents and family members to please reach out to state legislators to request additional funding to offset Asbury's significant testing costs. We have drafted a sample letter that highlights these challenges and asks the state to provide additional support. **Below is a link to a sample letter you can download, personalize, print and mail to our legislators.** To make your letter and this campaign as effective as possible, please personalize the letters before you send them; it is a more effective letter-writing campaign if the letters do not all look identical. Please send your letters as soon as possible, and before the end

of December.

[Click here for a sample Word Document to download, personalize, and print](#)  
[Click here for a PDF version](#) from which you can copy and paste the text if  
needed

**We would appreciate you sending your letter to as many legislators as possible. At the very minimum, please send to your letter to Gov. Hogan:**

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
100 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland  
21401-1925

[You can also use [this website link](#) to submit a message to Governor Hogan.  
Subject is Health.

**In addition to Gov. Hogan, [please click here to view a list of all state legislators for our region](#), with mailing addresses, to whom you can send more copies of your personalized letter.**

THANK YOU. This unprecedented time inspires new efforts from all of us, and we value your participation as we strive to meet these rigorous new state requirements to keep Asbury residents safe. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michele R. Potter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michele R. Potter

**P.S. Help us estimate how many letters were sent by answering yes or no if you plan to send letters!**

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Do you plan to send letters?



Yes

No