



This message is going to all Asbury associates and to residents and family members who have opted to receive email communications.

Dear Residents, Family Members & Associates,

One thing we have learned over the past 16 months is that this pandemic is not static; it is forever changing. We are committed to carefully assessing and adapting in every way possible in order to protect all those who live and work at Asbury locations.

As many of you may have seen, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced updated mask-wearing guidance on Tuesday. The CDC now recommends masking indoors when in an area of substantial or high transmission rates of the coronavirus, even for those who are vaccinated. This announcement comes following increases in COVID-19 cases across the country.

We are keeping an eye on the transmission rates in the areas where we operate. If transmission rates rise to what the CDC qualifies as “substantial” or “high” in any of our Asbury locations, then we will communicate any changes to our mask requirements to you. Here is the current status around the Asbury system:

- **Asbury locations in Tennessee meet the CDC “substantial” or “high” status for transmission rates** and we have already communicated to those communities about required mask-wearing in community indoor common areas. That change went into effect Wednesday.
- **All Asbury locations in Maryland and Pennsylvania are currently in the “moderate” range** for transmission and no action is needed at this

time. But that could change on a daily basis; we'll be on top of any updates and share with you in a timely manner.

Please note that no matter the transmission rates, the following Asbury requirements remain in place:

- Associates at Asbury communities and in other healthcare settings will continue wearing masks and follow current health and safety procedures.
- Additionally, masks are currently required -- and will continue to be -- for all residents and visitors in common areas in Assisted Living/Personal Care/Skilled Nursing/Health Care neighborhoods.
- All community screening processes remain in place.
- We ask that you continue to be diligent about following good health and hygiene practices.

The CDC provides an online tool to track transmission rates by community.

[Please click here to view](#). This is the same tool we use to track rates and to determine any changes that might be needed. The CDC says the data is updated daily.

We have a responsibility to each other and to the greater community to do our part to help protect against the spread of the coronavirus. Thank you for your continued partnership and understanding as we keep the health and safety of all those we serve as our top priority.

Sincerely,

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