



November 19, 2020

Dear Residents and Families:

On Tuesday, November 17, 2020, Governor Hogan announced new directives focused on keeping Marylanders safe as the state continues to experience a surge in COVID-19 cases. The Maryland Surge Response guidance detailed hospital surge measures and statewide capacity restrictions for restaurants and bars, and retail establishments and religious facilities. It also outlined updated guidance around visitation and testing in nursing homes.

According to the updated COVID-19 guidance, indoor visitation for nursing homes is now suspended until further notice, with few exceptions such as compassionate care situations. In those cases, visitors must show a negative coronavirus test taken within 72 hours prior to the planned visit. Please do not come to the facility if you have a positive COVID-19 test result. Free testing sites close to you can be found here: <http://covidtest.maryland.gov/>.

In addition to the increased visitation restrictions, the Governor's order requires nursing homes to test residents weekly and employees twice a week.

You can read the detailed Maryland Surge Response here: <https://governor.maryland.gov/2020/11/17/to-fight-covid-19-surge-governor-hogan-announces-hospital-surge-measures-statewide-capacity-restrictions/>

Governor Hogan stressed these mandates are to protect your loved ones, and we know it doesn't make it any easier, especially during this holiday season. But we know that you understand that our shared goal is to keep your loved ones safe.

Thank you for your continued patience as we adjust again to meet these new state directives. We know this ever-changing information can be confusing. With the increasing cases of the virus being reported daily, we anticipate ongoing orders and recommendations from the Maryland Department of Health or other agencies. We remain committed to keeping your family member and our staff healthy and safe, and will do our best to communicate these changes as quickly as possible. If you ever have questions or would like clarification, please feel free to contact the facility.

Sincerely,

Executive Director