
CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

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I am pleased to tell you that we continue to be virus-free here at Westminster. As I have said before, I give thanks each day we remain free from this disease and pray it continues to be so. Our responsibility is to prevent it as much as we can and be prepared for it if it affects anyone here. I can assure you we are doing both. Thanks to all that are wearing masks. We have a good supply if residents or visiting family members need one.

We were both sad and glad about the Governor's announcement yesterday. We were sad because of the impact this stay at home order is having on people. So many are impacted economically and of course residents are impacted by the separation of loved ones. We are glad because clearly our residents are the most vulnerable and any way we can protect everyone until more testing and contact tracking can be done is extremely important. The announcement yesterday did include guidance about protection for the next month. In indoor places masks will be required anytime 6-foot distancing cannot be insured. In common areas of Westminster, please wear a mask. In apartments, duplexes, or rooms a mask is not necessary. Outdoors it is not necessary unless individuals are in close proximity to others.

We will continue to offer every service we can for our residents. Please let us know what suggestions and needs there may be. This is a hard time and to be lonely and/or depressed is not a weakness. Find someone to talk to. Chaplain Elliott, Michelle Burton, Life Enrichment staff and Activity staff are available, and all are great listeners and/or can offer additional resources for support. We are offering resources to our staff as well. This is a hard time for all but together we will get through it.