
COVID-19 UPDATE

TO: WESTMINSTER VILLAGE RESIDENTS
FROM: BARB NATHAN
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With a large smile on my face, I tell you once again that we are virus-free here at Westminster Village. That includes our residents and our staff. I can't thank all enough for working hard to keep everyone safe here.

We continue to monitor for any new regulations or other updates and continue to have daily conference calls with our national organization, who is advocating on behalf of our industry.

The Governor's announcement on Tuesday that a regional approach will be used to determine when businesses should reopen was welcome news in that it appears the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) will use data on positive cases to help make these decisions. We understand completely the economic impact of our current pandemic and the difficulties in trying to address that while continuing to protect lives. We believe that the IDPH's involvement will help with this balance.

We also know first-hand the implications of the restrictions that are intended to protect the vulnerable. At this important time during which we celebrate Mothers' Day, we pray for the families who are not able to be together to say thanks to their mothers, and to celebrate their mother's accomplishments. We are planning special things in Martin Health Center and Assisted Living for the residents but it is not the same as having families present.

On a lighter note, I hope you noticed that popcorn was offered on the Friday evening menu which will be distributed to apartments and rooms. This is to serve as your popcorn as you watch the Friday evening movie, as we always used to prepare it for those attending the movie. For those in Independent and Assisted Living, I hope you noticed the beautiful flowers that were in your Y-lounges; those were gifts from Kroger for the mothers in our organization.

Lastly, we celebrated Nurses Week this week and thanked the many nurses who work here at Westminster Village. Nurses are getting a lot of recognition for the hard, selfless work that they do at all times, but particularly at this difficult time. Most of the nurses portrayed are working in hospitals, including emergency rooms. Very rarely do you see

the recognition of the nurses that are working in long term care, assisted living and other areas of senior living. Their contributions are as significant as others. We always, as nurses, do what we are called to do with a vast knowledge base and with a heart of love and service. To the nurses at Westminster, thank you, thank you, thank you.