
COVID-19 UPDATE

TO: WESTMINSTER VILLAGE RESIDENTS
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We finished the testing of the Westminster staff mid-week and have received 75% of our staff results so far. All of the staff, for whom we have received results, have tested negative. We expect the last of the results to come in early next week. This is something to celebrate. The resident in Martin Health Center, who tested positive, is doing very well; asymptomatic and almost two weeks post-testing.

We have just, in the last 15 minutes, received new guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) regarding outside visits for people in Martin Health Center and Assisted Living. We've been advocating for this for weeks and have been expecting the actual guidance since early this week. The guidance is very specific in terms of what things we must do in order to ensure safety during these visits and for our residents following. There is actually screening that needs to be done 24-hours in advance for each visitor, and then screening on site. We have been working on ways to meet the requirements for most of this week and anticipate that we will be communicating with families the times for these visits next week. Because we have requirements in terms of the number of people that we can have in an area, and our need to ensure that we provide shelter during the hot weather, visits will be limited in duration to allow us to clean the area before and after each visit. We anticipate we can get all individuals in Martin Health Center a short visit each week, and of course, we will adjust times as we progress and see what works and what does not. For Assisted Living, we will actually be creating an area under the carports outside of Assisted Living where visitors can meet. Our residents and their visitors will need to wear a face mask and maintain at least 6 feet of distance between them. No more than two visitors will be allowed per visit. We will get more information to those in Martin Health Center and Assisted Living about this good news.

We expect that either today or early next week we will hear the plans for moving the state of Illinois to Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan. This means that a number of facilities in our broader community will start providing services. It is anticipated that there will be limited indoor dining at restaurants. We have been discussing what that means for Westminster Village, and have made the decision that we are going to remain as we are in terms of limits on the number of people gathering, providing delivery instead of in-person dining, and limited trips for the month of July. There is a lot of concern about what impact Phase 4 may have on incidence of cases in our area and we think it is best to wait for the month of July to see what

impact there might be before we open our dining rooms, provide additional trips out, etc. We do have a team working on what things we could do beginning in August if the case numbers stay relatively low in our area.

This is not easy for anyone, but protecting ourselves from this virus is going to be a need for a very long time. That becomes more apparent each month. We remain committed to getting all of you and us through this.