
COVID-19 UPDATE

TO: WESTMINSTER VILLAGE RESIDENTS
FROM: BARB NATHAN
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What a wonderful week this has been. Early this week, 100% of Westminster Village's staff tested negative for the Coronavirus. This was such great news. We would not have been surprised if we had an asymptomatic positive case, but what this tells me is that our staff has been doing everything they can to protect themselves, their families, their coworkers, and of course, the residents at Westminster Village. The one resident who tested positive (though did not have symptoms) is doing very well.

This week, the outside visits for residents in Assisted Living and Martin Health Center began. These are being carried out in a safe manner with each wearing masks and social distancing provided. The reaction of families and residents has been beautiful. If you have been out and along Lincoln, you may have noticed a lovely new white tent has been erected. This is the area that the Martin Health Center residents and families will gather for these visits. Some have asked why they are so short – 20 minutes. This is so that we can ensure that everyone gets visit time and also because we are in the summer, some days can be quite hot and being outside longer than 20 minutes may not be advised. Adjustments will be made in the schedule as we learn more about peoples needs and reactions.

Today is the socially-distanced outdoor Ice Cream Social, with, of course, individually wrapped treats. This really signals the beginning of some renewed activities here at Westminster. Again, we need to be safe and want to keep everyone safe particularly as our community opens. As you have seen this week, some exercise has moved outdoors. You will see more of the Assisted Living residents as they move around our campus safely. Because of this increased activity, it is important that we all continue to wear masks and practice social distancing. We will be offering a few things in person in July that have been on Channel 88 or had been suspended. We will adhere to 10 people per room who are safely distanced but will combine rooms to be able to bring back some in-person activities.

As I told you last week, many things such as dining, increased transportation and gatherings will not happen in July. Rather, we will wait to see the reaction to caseload in our area as things open outside of Westminster Village. Rest assured though that the staff is planning ways to safely move to Phase 4 dining and other services when we are able.

Please continue to communicate with us on ways we can enhance your life during this challenging time.