
COVID-19 UPDATE

TO: WESTMINSTER VILLAGE RESIDENTS AND STAFF
FROM: BARB NATHAN
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At last, we have received all the test results back from the testing that was completed weeks ago. The great, great, great news is that all tests were negative. We continue to investigate options for more timely testing and thank OSF for reserving a couple hundred tests for us though they are not able to provide more and meet their own needs. We anticipate delivery of the rapid test strips in the upcoming weeks but do not have a firm date. If we can secure enough of those, our testing situation will improve dramatically.

As a result of the negative tests and our ability to keep the community COVID-free, to the best of our knowledge, we are now able to move to the next stage of the Open Illinois Plan for licensed areas. This will have a significant impact on visitation in Assisted Living, and the residents and families of Assisted Living will be receiving a separate memo regarding this. It will also mean that we will be able to use a backup plan for outside visits that will provide a safe visit inside if weather does not permit the outside visits for Martin Health Center. We are thrilled to make these changes but also need to continue to commit to each other that we are practicing washing our hands, maintaining safe distance and wearing masks. In fact, wearing masks means it covers nose and mouth. Any wearing of a mask that does not cover both is not providing protection for yourself or those around you.

Thank you for all those that have understood the constraints that we had to place on in-person dining. We will continue two days per week for another couple of weeks but have made a slight modification in the reservation system. You still need to make a reservation and you still need to identify the party you are eating with, but the party that you eat with can change each day. For instance, if you want to eat with three people on Tuesday, you can choose and make a reservation for yourself and three different people on Thursday. Please complete the reservation and turn it into the front desk by 12:00 noon on the preceding day; for Tuesday please have it submitted on Monday noon, and for Thursday please have it submitted by Wednesday noon. Next week's reservation forms are attached to this memo. In the future you can pick them up at the dining room or by the front desk. You will need to fill out reservation requests

each week. Next week's reservation forms are attached to this memo. If you are eating in the dining room, remember, do not fill out a menu for that day's delivery. The Governor did issue new guidance for restaurants this week that encourages diners to have their mask on when interacting with the servers.

For those that are continuing to use the delivery service please remember that the time that you select on the menu is a range. If you requested delivery between 4 and 4:45 it could be delivered anytime during the period. We are getting lots of calls into the kitchen from people asking where their meal is and that delays the service for all. We want to deliver all meals promptly but every day's demand can vary considerably so please don't call till 15 minutes after your time slot.

Yes, there are a lot of rules, and there are always a lot of changes as the rules and regulations for us are updated frequently. Truly, we will get through this together.