
COVID-19 UPDATE

TO: WESTMINSTER VILLAGE RESIDENTS AND STAFF
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I promised Barb earlier in the week that this would be the most concise and positive COVID update we have shared in a long time. Now making good on my word, I am happy to report that all testing in Martin Health Center as well as Assisted Living came back negative. Given that we continue to have negative testing in all areas and our County metrics remain very low, we will move to monthly testing beginning in April. We, of course, are always able to test at any time should the situation change, or a concern arises.

As Barb referenced last week, there continues to be many changes to guidance both on the State and Federal level. These changes have different impacts to our various levels of care, and we continue to monitor these daily. The Illinois Department of Public Health has still not officially reacted to the CMS changes for nursing homes released last week but we anticipate they may have comments during their conference call scheduled for this afternoon, which our team will participate in. We are also aware the Governor has issued changes related to the "Restore Illinois" plan as we hopefully move from Phase 4 to Phase 5 and eventually what was our "normal" just a little over a year ago. We will continue to follow best practice and communicate changes as we can. Thank you for all your support and understanding as we try and navigate all these challenges safely and efficiently!