
WESTMINSTER UPDATE

TO: WESTMINSTER VILLAGE RESIDENTS AND TEAM MEMBERS
FROM: BARB NATHAN
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We have decided to change the title of these updates from “COVID” to “Westminster.” We are praying that our COVID journey is just about over and know that everyone is doing the right things here. I discussed with someone yesterday the date on which we started these updates and it was actually March 11 of last year. It doesn’t seem possible that the journey has been this long. We will insure that a record of this is maintained for future residents and team members to understand all that happened during this time. Today, we celebrate. We celebrate this beautiful weather we have and that is upcoming. We celebrate, each in our own ways, the holy festivals of this time, and we celebrate the love and respect within this organization.

We did do COVID testing this week in the licensed areas and I’m happy to report that all tests returned negative results. Because of this, our plan is to go to monthly testing. This could change because the requirement for testing is tied not only to results in a facility but also to the positivity rate in the community where the facility is located. We pray that people in the community hang on and do the right things until more of the population is vaccinated because that is what we do here.

It has been so wonderful to see families and loved ones reconnect in Assisted Living and Martin Health Center, and so nice for friends within Independent Living and other areas to be able to be together. As we have eased that visitation process, we put rules in place and it is extremely important that everyone adhere to them. You absolutely must call the day before to make an appointment to see someone in a licensed area. We want people to have visitors but have a responsibility to the regulations which include how many people are within the facility and our ability to do contact tracing if it were needed. Everyone needs to call 24 hours in advance and make an appointment. Independent Living residents, after calling Assisted Living or Martin Health Center to make an appointment, can be screened at the Front Desk before going to the visit.

We are making plans to change the reservation requirements for The Hearth and The Landing. As the changes were made for visitation, there will be rules that each will need to follow in order to have the process work and be in compliance. It will be extremely important that in all cases, for the dinner hour, the host will need to seat persons at each table with distance between tables maintained. More information on dining changes will be forthcoming.

Tomorrow I get to see, for the first time, the sculpture that will become a part of the water feature in Foundation Fountain Park. We have enjoyed such nice weather but know this is only the first week of April so there is some hesitancy to begin work on that area and the gardens until it is a bit warmer. Seeing the sculpture emphasizes for me how soon we will enjoy this park setting.

Blessings to all of you and your loved ones, and thank you for being a part of Westminster.