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## WESTMINSTER UPDATE

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**TO:** WESTMINSTER VILLAGE RESIDENTS AND TEAM MEMBERS  
**FROM:** BARB NATHAN  
**DATE:** MAY 14, 2021  
**RE:** EASED RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO COVID

The following changes are based on the guidelines from the CDC. We do anticipate, that over the upcoming weeks, there will be even more changes announced, and we will adjust these as needed.

### Dining:

We are increasing capacity within the dining rooms, meaning you will see more tables in use starting Monday. For the Hearth and the Landing, the host will continue to seat everyone; no one can seat themselves. The Hearth and Landing will return to being two separate dining venues.

### Club Room

The Club Room has reopened for Social Hours. The Club Room can also be scheduled for bridge or other activities involving Westminster residents. Guests will not be allowed in the Club Room at this time.

### Activities:

We are increasing each room's capacity, so more people can be accommodated at meetings and programs. We will also be adjusting schedules for the Wellness classes as the room capacity increases.

### Silver Chords and Golden Notes:

These activities can return but with significant restrictions. Participants must be more than six feet apart and encouraged to wear masks during practices and performances.

### Floor Meetings:

Floor meetings can return to the Y-lounges.

### Vespers and Church Transportation:

In-person Vespers will be assessed over the upcoming weeks. This is not a change that can be made immediately as it depends on the schedules of outside spiritual leaders as well as Chaplain Elliott. The hope is to return to in-person Vespers, soon, not just in the Resident Center, but in Martin Health Center as well.

We are providing transportation to a limited number of churches. Please sign up for this is in the Red Book no later than the Saturday prior. If your congregation is not listed, please contact Chaplain Elliott.

Westminster-Sponsored Trips to Off-Campus Events:

Westminster will sponsor trips using our vehicles to outdoor events such as Concerts in the Park. We will not be taking the van, at the present time, to indoor activities, nor for restaurant visits.

Mask Wearing:

This is a vaccinated community. The resident population is 99% vaccinated. As such, the rules for masks are different for our world when we are within our community. Masks will no longer be required unless riding in a Westminster vehicle. Please remember, whether one wears a mask is a decision of each individual, and no one should judge the presence or absence of a mask. The staff will continue to wear masks. Distancing and mask-wearing is not required for vaccinated persons when with other vaccinated persons, which is the definition of what we have here at Westminster.

These guidelines are just for Westminster Village residents when with Westminster Village residents. We are not opening the dining rooms to visitors, nor inviting visitors to attend programming on our campus. We are aware of the new guidance from the CDC regarding masks for vaccinated persons. We are unsure if this will change our policy for team members, but it does not apply to our teams in the licensed areas.

We are getting close to the end of this and as we continue to near that point, anticipate further changes in the upcoming weeks.