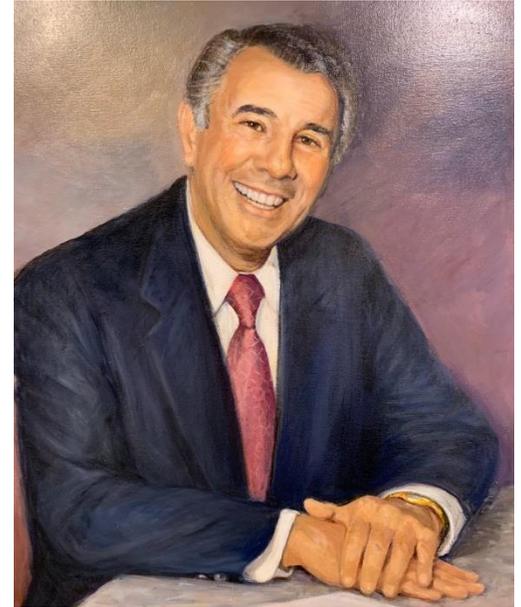


November 11, 2021

Dear Lorien Residents and Families,

Today is Veteran's Day and I first want to share how grateful I am for the brave sacrifices our veterans and their families have made, for us and for our country. It is a dedicated time to honor the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Lorien is proud to be home to many veterans, including our late founder, Nicholas B. Mangione, Sr. Thank you for your service.

Lorien Veteran Residents at Harmony Hall



Nicholas B. Mangione, Sr.

Lorien Veteran Residents at Harmony Hall

With Thanksgiving just two weeks away, I want to also take a moment to express the immense gratitude I have for our residents, families, and team. Despite the challenges this year has presented and the unimaginable ways the pandemic still tests our resolve, your patience, kindness, and grace continue to rise above it all. I cannot thank you enough.

I understand that we are all yearning for a bit of normalcy and know how important it is for you to be reunited with your entire family during Thanksgiving. My hope is that you will be able to enjoy the company of your loved ones and continue to make and share holiday memories. With this in mind, I'd like to address visitation on Thanksgiving.

As of today, there are no Lorien facilities on outbreak status. However, as we have seen in the past, the outbreak status of a building can change at any time before Thanksgiving. Therefore, if you plan on taking your loved one out for the day on or around Thanksgiving, please contact your building directly to make those arrangements.

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At the same time, the state data has shown that we are still not out of the woods yet and that transmission rates still remain high in some counties in Maryland. If you would like to have your loved one stay with you overnight, we ask that you contact your facility directly for consideration. Overnight visits will be assessed on a case-by-case basis taking into account transmission rates in the county, outbreak status in the building, and the vaccination status of the resident and those that the resident will be visiting.

Alternatively, if you plan on visiting your loved one at one of our buildings on Thanksgiving, again we ask that you contact your building directly because as mentioned above, the outbreak status may change. I am pleased to report, however, that you may bring in homecooked meals and flowers to brighten their holiday. However, potted plants are still discouraged and I will update you when this changes.

As always, please continue to be mindful of our visitation policies. Even if you are vaccinated and visiting a vaccinated loved one, we encourage you to wear a mask during your visit.

I'm hopeful that the number of COVID-19 cases in Maryland will continue to decline. Last week, the vaccine was made available to children ages 5 to 11 and the booster shot is being widely distributed. While this progress should be celebrated, we cannot ease up on our infection control practices. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued recommendations to celebrate the holidays with your loved ones safely. You can read more on here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/celebrations.html>.

As a reminder, the COVID-19 vaccine booster shot is still available to our buildings. If you need to schedule an appointment, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or to your Administrator.

I wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,



Lou Grimmel