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Dear Lorien Families:

Yesterday, Governor Hogan announced that his “stay at home” order will be lifted tomorrow at 5 p.m. and will be replaced by a new “safer at home” advisory as Maryland begins the first phase of reopening. However, the new advisory does not allow for visitors in nursing homes. Current visitor restrictions must remain in place for the health and safety of your loved ones.

Under the Governor’s order, COVID-19 universal testing will be performed by the National Guard at all Maryland nursing homes and assisted living communities. Testing began today at our Lorien Columbia location. No other Lorien facilities are yet scheduled for testing but will be. We are advised that this testing will only include all residents, whether they are displaying COVID-19 symptoms or not. We will also be provided with tests for our staff and we are awaiting further direction. Test results will be published next Wednesday and may be found at <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/hcf-resources>.

As I previously advised, Johns Hopkins Medicine researchers have found that 25 – 50% of asymptomatic individuals will test positive for COVID-19. We do not yet know what the universal testing will show at the Lorien’s facilities. While the number of positive cases will probably rise significantly, we are hopeful that the increase will be less than 25 – 50% as a result of our efforts to date. If your loved one has been affected directly by a positive COVID-19 case, you will be contacted immediately. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our 24-hour Compliance Line by phone at 1-855-859-0809 or visit our website (www.lorienhealth.com).

Lorien is always searching for Licensed Geriatric Nursing Assistants, LPNs, and RNs. We can now offer an accelerated temporary Nursing Assistant certification (8-hour course/5-day orientation). We offer on-site training, mentorship, fantastic benefits and a fulfilling work environment. If you, or someone you know, wants to become a temporary Nursing Assistant please contact JoAnn Presbitero at jpresbitero@LorienHealth.com or apply online, <https://www.lorienhealth.com/careers/were-hiring>.

Finally, two Lorien nurses were recently publically recognized for their service in caring for our residents. Lorien Bulle Rock’s Director of Nursing, Chris Bratton, was honored by 103.7 WXCX during Nurses Week. Also, Mays Chapel’s Director of Nursing, Erica Nelson, was featured in The Baltimore Sun’s National Nurses Week. We are very proud of them and their teams.

Sincerely,

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