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Dear Lorien Residents and Families,

This afternoon, Governor Hogan announced that due to the steady decline of COVID-19 health metrics, most statewide COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted on July 1. **However, according to the Executive Order issued today, nursing home restrictions will continue until August 15. Therefore, the visitation and masking requirements issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) still remain in effect until we receive further notification. This also applies to all of Lorien's assisted living buildings, including Harmony Hall.**

Starting July 1, all emergency mandates and restrictions will be terminated. There will no longer be any statewide mask order in effect for any settings, including schools, camps, and childcare facilities. The federal order requiring masks on planes, subways, buses and other mass transit remains in effect.

You can read the Governor's Executive Order "Terminating Various Emergency Orders" here: <https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Termination-Roadmap-6.15.21.pdf>

Hogan said during his press conference: "While the end of the state of emergency is an important step in our recovery from COVID-19, it does not mean that this virus and the variants no longer pose any threat. If you have been vaccinated, you are safe, but those who are not vaccinated will continue to be at risk."

We have waited a grueling 15 months for this announcement, and it is imperative that you and your loved ones continue to prioritize your health and safety. As we prepare for restrictions to ease over these next few weeks and months, please consider vaccination if you have not done so already.

We will update you in real time as we know more and are able to lift restrictions within our buildings. Again, we appreciate your patience as we work hard to make this transition seamless for our residents and families.

Sincerely,

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