August 6, 2020

Dear Lorien Residents and Families:

Yesterday, the federal government criticized Maryland in a letter claiming that only about half of the state's nursing homes had met the deadline for undergoing required pandemic - related infection control inspections. The Governor's office disputed the letter and the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) said that the inspection surveys of the remaining uninspected facilities will be completed in the next two weeks.

The news reports about this may seem unsettling, so I'd like to address them and reiterate Lorien's commitment to infection prevention and control in our facilities. **Please know that within the last week and a half, <u>all</u> of our Lorien Nursing Homes were completely and successfully inspected by the MDH and, accordingly, Lorien facilities are *not* among Maryland's untested nursing homes.** We maintain, as we have from the onset of the pandemic, that infection prevention is critical. In fact, Lorien has appointed an infection control expert to oversee our work and we will continue to enhance our infection prevention and control program as we move forward.

In addition, we know that the approaching flu season will be more challenging than usual because of the added complications posed by COVID 19, including its potential resurgence in Maryland. So Lorien has been purchasing and stockpiling Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in preparation for future developments including the predicted second COVID-19 wave. We will also begin administering flu shots to our residents and employees as early as possible in September. We will keep you posted as we get closer.

Finally, Lorien is fortunate to be hiring multiple positions in our facilities, from a front desk receptionist and dietary aid to Caregivers and GNAs. If you know of someone who has a passion for helping others and would like to join our Lorien family, please forward our careers page link: https://www.lorienhealth.com/careers.

Sincerely,

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