

November 25, 2020

Dear Lorien Residents and Families:

It's hard to describe what we have all experienced together since the beginning of 2020. Tomorrow will be another challenging holiday when you will be separated from your loved ones. While I know you understand that the state mandated restrictions are in place to protect the health and safety of our residents, it does not make celebrating Thanksgiving at a distance any easier. Sadly, **all of Lorien's buildings are currently on outbreak status. Therefore, all visitations have been suspended. We will alert you when this status has changed and visitation can begin again under the State's directives.**

Yes, the holiday season is going to be very different this year. But please know that our Lorien team continues to show love and compassionate care for your loved ones and their families like they are their own.

**And despite everything, we still have much to be thankful for, including the gift of Knowledge.** For example, we have developed vaccines which will inoculate us in the coming months. But even right now we are still so much better off than we were when the virus first appeared. Thanks to tireless medical research, we now understand how this virus attacks and currently have tools to combat it and save more lives. We have learned that the virus causes small blood clots in the lungs which in turn cause reduced oxygenation levels and death. So we have developed new treatments such as blood thinners and Colchicine which treats the formation of these small blood clots. We also have antiviral drugs like Favipiravir and Remdesivir which actually kill the virus. And we've succeeded in addressing another piece of the puzzle by learning that steroid treatments can successfully combat the body's own exaggerated immune responses to Covid-19 that can sometimes cause death.

So yes, while we may miss our joyous family gatherings and our loved ones at Thanksgiving, we indeed have much to be thankful for. We have been given the gift of Knowledge... and also the gift of Hope.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and overwhelming gratitude for you, our families. Through every hurdle, you have shown great patience, empathy, and support. You've even participated in car parades, sent in countless notes of encouragement, and done much more. Your unwavering support has been wonderful and very uplifting to me and to Lorien's staff. I cannot thank you enough and wish you all a Thanksgiving filled with Hope.

Sincerely,

Lou Grimmel, Sr.  
CEO, Lorien Health Services