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Dear Lorien Residents and Families:

Last Thursday, I mentioned we would be updating you on Lorien's visitation and testing guidance in compliance with the Maryland Department of Health's (MDH) amended directive. This will go into effect on **March 1**, provided facilities do not have active COVID-19 cases and follow proper testing protocols

The directive states that visitor testing is required within 72 hours prior to coming to the facility with proof of negative results and date of the test. We know you are looking forward to visiting with your loved ones in person and understand that testing can often be inconvenient and stressful. Since we would like to make it as easy as possible for you, we've decided that **all of the Lorien facilities, including Harmony Hall, will be offering on-site Point of Care (POC) testing** for our families and visitors. **Because testing days and times vary by our facility locations, we encourage you to call the particular facility directly for more detailed information about scheduling your visit(s) and taking advantage of our on-site testing offer.**

However, please note that since the majority of our staff's time is dedicated to caring for our residents, **testing availability will be limited** and we greatly appreciate if you are able to test on your own. Here are some links to help you find testing sites:

- Maryland: <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/symptoms-testing>
- UM Upper Chesapeake Health Aberdeen, register at <http://crispcovid19.powerappsportals.com/new-patient/>

Additionally, our residents will continue to be tested once a week and our employees will be tested a minimum of once a week.

**In regards to visitation, outdoor visitation is still the preferred method.** When outdoor visitation cannot be accomplished due to environmental factors and/or resident condition, an in facility visitation will be performed. The facility will screen all visitors for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

Facilities will also accommodate and support **indoor visitation**, including visits for reasons beyond compassionate care situations, based on the following guidelines:

- There has been no new onset of COVID-19 cases in the last 14 days and the facility is not currently conducting outbreak testing.
- The facility will limit the number of visitors per resident at one time to one visitor at a time and limit the total number of visitors in the facility at one time to a maximum of 10 per visitation period. In some circumstances, we might have to limit the maximum number of visitors to less than 10 per visitation period, depending on facility staffing at the time of the visitation.
- We will limit visitation to 20 minutes per visit to help ensure all residents are able to receive visitors.
- Movement will be limited in the facility. Visitors should go directly to the designated indoor visitation location under monitoring.



As a reminder, it is still unknown whether fully vaccinated individuals can still transmit the virus to others, so we ask that you practice proper hand hygiene, wear a mask covering your mouth and nose, and exercise social distancing. For more information refer to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

As always, I am grateful for your support and continued cooperation.

Lou Gimmel, CEO