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Dear Lorien Families:

We are nearly halfway through the COVID-19 universal testing for Lorien facilities. Last week, we completed testing for all residents and staff in our Columbia, Encore, and Mt. Airy facilities. The results are beginning to come back and show that those testing positive at these facilities were all asymptomatic, as follows: Columbia - 4 residents and 4 staff; Encore - 1 resident, 3 staff, and 1 private aid; Mt Airy - 8 residents and 8 staff.

This week, Lorien Mays Chapel and Elkridge tested their residents and staff. Bel Air and Bulle Rock are scheduled to begin testing tomorrow. Taneytown will begin testing on June 1. We will report all results as we get them.

Please know that the universal testing is not in lieu of ongoing testing. We expect that Lorien facilities will continue to have the virus introduced via asymptomatic staff and essential health professionals. For example, just days after the universal test results were obtained at one of our facilities, a staff member tested positive for COVID-19. Several patients developed symptoms and re-tested COVID – 19 positive.

We are still very much fighting this pandemic and will continue to implement all preventative measures outlined by the health departments and the Centers for Disease Control. Therefore, we will continue ongoing testing of our residents and staff. Again, all positive COVID-19 cases are published by the Maryland Department of Health on Wednesdays here: <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/hcf-resources>.

Remember, 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](http://www.lorienhealth.com)).

Governor Hogan announced yesterday that additional outdoor activities, such as restaurant dining and youth sports, will be permitted with limitations beginning tomorrow at 5 p.m. He also stressed that Maryland's vulnerable population must still take great precaution. Unfortunately, this means nursing home and assisted living visitors are still not permitted, even outdoors, in accordance with the decisions made by CMS, CDC and OHCQ. We know how trying this is for you and we will let you know as soon as those restrictions are lifted.

Lastly, for the second consecutive year, Lorien was voted the Baltimore Sun's "Baltimore's Best" in Elder Care. We also were voted "Baltimore's Best" in Physical Therapy. Thank you to everyone who voted for us. We will continue to earn that top spot by innovating and prioritizing our "care forward" approach to benefit our residents, families, and our team.

Sincerely,  
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