

January 19, 2022

Dear Lorien Residents and Families,

Tonight's letter is a follow-up to the one you received earlier this week regarding Governor Hogan's new order for nursing home visitation. As a reminder, this order states that nursing home visitors must present a negative test to the nursing home within 72 hours of the visit. This goes into effect Friday, January 21, 2022.

I received several questions in response to my letter and visitation testing which prompted us to create a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document which is included with this letter.

I cannot stress enough the importance of obtaining a test prior to visiting one of our facilities. Employee call-outs due to Covid-19 illness continue to increase this week and utilizing a staff member's time to test a visitor takes away precious time needed to take care of your loved one.

We do accept home Covid-19 tests as well as rapid and PCR tests results obtained from a community testing site. For your convenience, below are direct links to testing sites where you may be able to obtain tests, with **no upfront cost to you**.

Quest Diagnostics: <https://www.questdiagnostics.com>

Lab Corp: <https://www.ondemand.labcorp.com/covid-19-pcr-tests>

Additional testing site locations in Maryland can be found here:

<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/symptoms-testing>

You can also find additional home test and testing site information on the website of your local health department:

Howard: <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/health/covid-19-testing>

Harford: <https://harfordcountyhealth.com/testing-in-harford/>

Baltimore County: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/covid-19/testing>

Carroll County: <https://cchd.maryland.gov/covidtesting/>

Additionally, per President Biden's order, **4 free home tests** per household are available to be shipped directly to your home, via USPS, beginning late January.

You can order these tests here: <https://special.usps.com/testkits>.

Once again, I am asking for your assistance to help us best care for our residents and keep employees safe during this time.

Sincerely,

Lou Grimmel, CEO (enter signature)

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