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Dear Lorien Residents and Families:

This is to update you on our progress in working to enable visitation and also our implementation of rigorous required testing.

Lorien facilities continue to work diligently to fulfill the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) requirements that will allow our facilities to begin relaxing restrictions, including outdoor visitation with your loved ones.

As noted in my last letter, Harmony Hall is our only free standing Assisted Living community and has begun outside visitation. Lorien's other four Assisted Living communities are housed in the same buildings as our Nursing Homes and share staff and food preparation areas with them. Those buildings have to follow the nursing home guidance from the MDH that will allow for these visits. Recently, Lorien Bel Air and Lorien Encore are able to begin scheduled, outdoor porch visits under strict guidelines for only their Assisted Living residents. The remaining buildings are still not able to have outdoor visitation at this time as we continue to navigate guidance from MDH for skilled nursing facilities in Maryland.

One MDH prerequisite to relaxing restrictions requires nursing homes to conduct COVID-19 testing among residents and staff at sufficient frequencies. Under MDH's directive, weekly testing of our staff is required. Should an employee or resident test positive for the virus, we will then test all residents who have not previously tested positive for COVID-19.

According to the MDH, testing of all negative residents must be repeated weekly until the testing identifies no new cases of COVID-19 among residents or staff over at least 14 days. You can expect individual Lorien facilities to communicate results and specific procedures directly to you.

Thank you for your continued patience as the new weekly testing and reporting has added an additional layer of challenging logistics for the facilities. I'm grateful for the wonderful leadership and staff in the buildings because abiding by the stringent MDH weekly testing requirements has required additional workload, very long hours, and continuous daily preparation and follow-up.

Finally, I hope you enjoyed your July 4th holiday and followed along on Lorien's social channels to see how our residents celebrated with festive food, games, and prizes. Here is just one photo of how Lorien staff decorated their PPE to highlight the holiday.



Sincerely,

Lou Grimmel, Sr.
CEO, Lorien Health Services