

June 10, 2021

Dear Lorien Residents and Families,

This week, Maryland's COVID-19 testing positivity rate fell below 1% for the first time since the pandemic began. The state also hit another milestone, with half of Marylanders being fully vaccinated. Maryland's vaccination rate is the tenth highest in the nation. Let's remain encouraged by these statistics, as well as vigilant.

We are all thrilled about this news and are optimistic about loosening restrictions regarding visitation and masking in the facilities one day. **However, Lorien is still awaiting further guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) before we can change our guidelines.** I know you share our feelings of excitement and am grateful for your continued patience.

Therefore, as a reminder, we ask that you continue to contact your facility directly to schedule your visitation in advance since some Lorien buildings require 24 -48 hours advance notice. In addition, visitation guidelines can change at any time if a facility is on outbreak status. Currently there is one Lorien facility on outbreak status.

Additionally, all visitors, even those who are vaccinated, must wear a mask in our facilities until they have arrived in the designated visitation area. However, visitors and residents who are both fully vaccinated can visit without masks and without social distancing as long as they are alone in their room or in a visitation room without unvaccinated individuals. Lorien facilities will be requiring documentation of vaccination at the time of your visit.

I hope that the state's increased vaccination rates and the downward trend in case rates and hospitalizations continue. Also, if you have not done so already, I urge you to protect yourself and your loved ones by getting the vaccine. Mass vaccination sites across Maryland will be winding down over the next few weeks, but vaccines are now being offered in hundreds of pharmacy locations. You can find a clinic close to you here: <http://covidvax.maryland.gov/>.

Finally, I'd like to close by highlighting all of you, your children, and/or your family members who are celebrating highly anticipated 2021 graduations! It has been a unique and challenging year and I understand how much work was involved in home schooling, studying, and working, while also keeping a watchful eye on your loved ones at Lorien!

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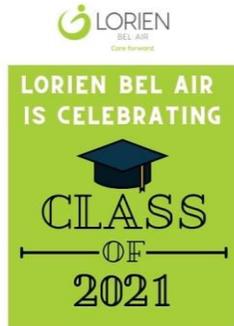
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Lorien Bel Air's team recently showcased how proud they are of their graduates. Job well done!

Congratulations again to all...the future certainly looks bright!

Sincerely,
Lou Grimmel, CEO