



Dear Family and Friends of Redstone,

Here are your COVID-19 updates for Friday, March 27, 2020.

The changes that we first mentioned as “possible,” yesterday, have quickly become a necessity. This afternoon, the Governor of Pennsylvania will extend the “Shelter-in-Place” order to Westmoreland County. This is due to the continued spread of COVID-19 in Westmoreland County.

Therefore, as of 6 pm on this date, we must require all Independent Living residents to join our Personal Care and Skilled Nursing residents in remaining on the Redstone campus at all times. By leaving the campus, residents may be putting their own, or someone else’s, life at risk. This is a risk that we must not allow within our Redstone community.

IL Residents may only leave the campus in the case of essential medical treatments, procedures, or appointments. Please discuss these appointments with your family member’s Campus Director. Should an IL resident choose to leave the campus for reasons other than essential medical purposes, the resident will not be able to return to the campus until the pandemic has reached a level where their return would be safe for the Redstone community. We have legal grounds to enforce this policy. Again we remind you that this policy is implemented firmly and with love, in order to protect our entire Redstone family.

Residents may continue to walk about the hallways, and outdoors, in appropriate weather. We have advised them to avoid lingering or congregating in public spaces, and to maintain their safe distancing, remaining 6 feet apart from others.

Families may continue to drop off packages between 2 pm and 7 pm, Monday through Friday. Weekend drop-offs may be allowed for special occasions, like birthdays. Contact the Campus Director. Our no-visitor policy remains in place across all levels of care, including Independent Living apartments.

Along with a letter similar to this one, we have also sent the residents additional information about meal delivery and shopping services during the pandemic. Since they will not be able to leave the campus, we have encouraged them to make note of their campus’ shopping days so that they can order essential items.

We continue to closely monitor our staff and are following Department of Health policies. We are limiting the risk of exposure from our employees through temperature checks, wellness screening, and the use of masks when appropriate and necessary.

Every day, we hope to come to you with the news that we can begin to lift the restrictions that we have put in place to protect our Redstone community. Unfortunately, as the virus continues to spread, we are not yet to that point. We are going to recover from this crisis, but first we must get through it. It remains critically important for us to stay the course, uphold our policies, and be patient and supportive of one another. We must persevere together. If additional information becomes available over the weekend, you will hear from us. Otherwise, we will be in touch again on Monday.

Sincerely,

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