



Dear Family and Friends of Redstone Residents,

Here are your COVID-19 updates for Friday, April 10, 2020

This is the fourth Friday that we have been standing firm and defending our residents against COVID-19. It is the fourth Friday that many of you have been separated from your loved ones and our larger community here at Redstone. But this Friday is different, because for Christians, today marks our observance of Good Friday. This is a day of deep sorry, but also a day of profound hope, because while it's Friday – we know that Sunday is coming.

What are you hopeful about today? What gives you hope on this Good Friday? Our employees here at Redstone give me hope. They keep showing up and showing how much they care. They get their temperatures taken twice a day. They wear uncomfortable masks for their whole shift. They wash their hands 200 times a day. They dress up in Easter bonnets and parade through the halls. They deal with constant policy changes. Many are not spending Easter with their loved ones so that they can better protect our residents. All of that gives me so much hope.

Our residents give me hope! They have been so grateful for the care they have received. They have tolerated isolation and boredom. They have adhered to the policies we have flooded them with over these past weeks. They have prayed for us and have told us that they care about us. That they can be so understanding in the face of such adversity, gives me hope.

Our families give me hope. We expected many families to protest our no-visiting policy. We expected anger and frustration. And while we've had a few challenging moments, for the most part you, our families of residents, have been so supportive. You understand that not visiting is an act of love right now. That gives me hope, too.

In the face of the Coronavirus, this is a particularly somber Good Friday. But we can draw strength from first Good Friday as we face our own bad Fridays, knowing that what awaits us — the promise of Easter — signals that death will not have the final say.

So on this Friday – as we end another week – let us focus on hope. It's Friday, but Sunday's coming.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter!

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PS – Don't forget that our no-visitor and no-leaving campus policies are still being followed this weekend. In fact, this weekend is a critical moment to help control the surge. You may drop off deliveries for your residents between 1 pm and 3 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Thank you for your cooperation.