



Dear Family and Friends of Residents,

Here are your COVID-19 updates for Thursday, April 2, 2020

This afternoon, PA Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine announced an increase of 1,211 cases of COVID-19 across the state. She said, “The continued rise in cases combined with our increasing deaths from COVID-19 reflects the seriousness of this situation. We need everyone to listen to the orders in place and to stay calm, stay home and stay safe. We know that these prolonged mitigation effects have been difficult for everyone, but it is essential that everyone follows these orders and does not go out unless they absolutely must.” Her words echo our practices at Redstone, which we know you have become familiar with. We continue to be so grateful for your understanding and supporting in this difficult time.

A few “good news” updates for you today.

As of right now, Redstone remains COVID-19 free. We have no residents exhibiting symptoms and no employees who have tested positive. We are grateful to have come this far without a case, thanks in part to the efforts you have made to support our policies.

We received our first shipment today from PEMA; Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. The shipment contained vital equipment that our employees will need to protect themselves if we are faced with treating those with COVID-19, including the N95 masks you have heard so much about. It is good to see this pipeline of supplies beginning to flow.

Since you won't be able to be with your resident over the Easter holiday, our employee team is planning some special activities for next week. It is a privilege to share this holiday with your loved ones and we're excited that some of you have offered your support. If you would like to donate items for the 500 Easter baskets we plan to pack, or if you would like to volunteer to chalk-art decorate a section of sidewalk on your resident's campus, please contact Jessica at 724-832-8401 X 307 or jwisniewski@redstone.org. We are looking for individually wrapped candy, puzzle books, personal toiletry items, etc. for the Easter baskets.

Remember that on a regular basis you may drop off care packages for your resident between 2 pm and 7 pm, Monday through Friday. Drops may be made on Saturday and Sunday of Easter weekend between Noon and 3 pm.

We have had some response to our requests for cloth mask sewers, which are used by our non-clinical employees throughout our buildings. Thank you to those who have offered to sew! If you are interested in joining this “guild,” please contact Lisa Dormire at ldormire@redstone.org.

Every day we receive phone calls, emails, and notes thanking us for our efforts. Thank you for boosting our spirits with your support. Please know that you may also reach out with any concerns that you have through this time. We will get through this together!

Sincerely,

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