



Dear Family and Friends of Residents,

Here are your COVID-19 updates for Friday, April 3, 2020

This morning as I was looking out my window I noticed some newly blooming daffodils – and I couldn't help but think about the storms those daffodils have been through. They've been blooming in that spot for probably close to 80 years. I heard someone say this week that the current circumstances in healthcare is like being in a really bad hailstorm. It feels like we're being pummeled from every angle. As my daffodils reminded me this morning, we'll get through the storm and bloom again. We take comfort in knowing that we are all in this together.

Our employees continue to amaze me with their hard work and dedication. Our residents have been brave and strong in the face of the challenges of isolation. And you, our families, have been supportive and understanding. I have no words to express my gratitude.

We continue to prepare for the future possibility of caring for COVID-19 patients at Redstone. But for today, we are grateful to see another Friday arrive safely.

Don't forget that over the weekends we ask that you avoid dropping off care packages, since we work with a smaller staff. If you want to bring something for a special occasion, that can be arranged. We continue to collect items for Easter baskets and plan for some Easter festivities. If you want to donate to those baskets please contact Amber at 724-832-8400 X 370 or [aammann@redstone.org](mailto:aammann@redstone.org). We continue to recruit sewers for cloth masks. We would like to provide them to our residents, too. If you are interested in sewing masks, please contact Lisa Dormire at [ldormire@redstone.org](mailto:ldormire@redstone.org).

As tenuous as these days are, we take heart in the patients, even seniors, who are recovering from COVID-19, and the research that is being done related to best practices of care, treatments, and vaccines. We will keep the faith, just like the daffodils.

Have a good weekend and we'll talk more on Monday.

Sincerely,

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