



Dear Residents, Families, and Friends,

Here is your Covid-19 Update for Friday, June 19, 2020.

Over the past three months, have there been times when you have felt that you are living out a very strange dream? I can't believe we have been talking together about COVID-19 for this long. I can't believe that our residents and families have been unable to visit with each other for this long. Here in our little corner of the world, sometimes it is even hard to believe that this virus is a real thing. We continue to be blessed with no cases at Redstone, and our case numbers in this region are remarkably low. I recently read that Pennsylvania is one of only three states that has had continued decline in case numbers for more than 42 days. The other two states are Montana and Hawaii!

Even as we count our blessings, we need to remain diligent. As you remember, the state has advised that all congregate senior living communities remain closed to visitors for at least an additional 28 days once the county in which that community is located moves to the green phase. Continuing to uphold this policy and maintaining a safe environment has been one way that we have remained diligent. We are also closely monitoring the travel and vacation plans of our staff and Independent Living residents. Since cases continue to be on the rise in some parts of the country, we are exercising caution for those who will be returning from these areas.

Early next week, we intend to send you a separate correspondence outlining our visitor policy. Because we have not received additional guidance from the state about reopening to visitors, we are developing a visitor policy which we hope to launch soon. Should Redstone have positive cases, or should the state provide guidelines which differ from our direction, please realize that plans for visitors may change. We are hopeful, however, that the time for reuniting will soon. While we are still working on the final details, our visitor policy will include the following:

- Specific times for visiting
- ALL visitors must enter through the front door of each campus and undergo a screening. Those who do not pass the screening will not be able to visit. Screening will include questions about symptoms, recent travel, and having a temperature of less than 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
- ALL visitors must wear a mask at all times while in the buildings, even in resident rooms and apartments. Masks must cover the nose and mouth.
- The number of visitors per day will be limited, and all visits must take place in the resident's private apartment or room, or in an outdoor space. Visitors may not visit in the dining rooms or other public areas.
- Physical distancing must be practiced during the visit, not just with your loved one, but with any residents or employees you may encounter during your visits.

As a reminder, no visitors are permitted in our buildings or grounds until the visitor policy is implemented. Independent Living residents are free to leave the campuses as they wish. Personal Care and Skilled Nursing residents may only leave for essential medical treatment.

If you are dropping off packages or items on the Greensburg campus, you will notice that a new security badge reader system has been installed on the front entrance. There is a button adjacent to the phone in the vestibule for you to ring if you need admittance. A receptionist is available from 8 am to 8 pm every day to open this door for you. On all campuses, please try to drop off packages between 2 pm and 7 pm when we have staff available to help with deliveries.

Sunday is Father's Day. This is a joyous day for those who can be together with their families, and a hard day for those whose fathers are no longer with them. This is yet another hard day for those who can't physically be together this year because their fathers live in senior living communities. Our hearts are with you. We have stayed the course at Redstone and have worked together to create the safest possible environment for our residents. I'm proud of us. Thank you for everything that you have done so far.

May God's blessings be with all of us.

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