



Dear Residents,

Here are your COVID-19 updates for Thursday, April 16, 2020

In a call this morning with Westmoreland County officials, we were told that 11 senior living communities in the county have active cases of COVID-19. We continue to be grateful that we do not have cases here at Redstone and pray that we will continue to make our way through this crisis, safely.

Next week, we will continue conversations in our administration as to how to safely establish our “new normal” at Redstone. We know that we will need to be vigilant with our infection control practices, but we also know that it is important for you to return to those things you are missing as soon as it is safe: visits from your loved ones, meals in the dining rooms, group activities, going to the store, etc. For now, we will continue our best practices of physical distancing and no visitors, hoping that brighter days are ahead of us. I will keep you posted as those plans develop. Unless we have critical updates to share with you, after tomorrow’s letter we will go to a weekly COVID-19 update letter. I hope you will welcome this as another sign that we are moving in a positive direction.

I wanted to share a poem with you written by Laura Kelly Fanucci from Minnesota. As you read it, I encourage you to think about what YOU will not take for granted once this time of isolation is behind us:

When this is over, may we never again take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded theater
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.

When this ends
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way — better
for each other
because of the worst."

My prayers remain with all of us that God will keep us safe.
Sincerely,

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