



Redstone

Dear Residents,

Here are your COVID-19 updates for Wednesday, April 8, 2020

We are happy to report that as of right now, all of our Redstone campuses remain COVID-19 free. Yesterday's news that we had two possible cases in isolation in our nursing home during the testing process seemed to create some anxiety for a few of you. From day one we have been honest and transparent with you, and we will continue to do so. We continue to prepare to care for those who are infected with the Coronavirus; by training our staff, installing special equipment, and continuing our efforts to keep you as safe as possible.

Some of you have asked under what conditions we might find ourselves caring for patients who are positive for COVID-19. It is always possible, despite our rigorous isolation efforts, that one of our residents may become symptomatic and test positive. It may not be in the resident's best interest to be transferred to a hospital if we are able to more safely care for them here at Redstone. Such a resident would be cared for in isolation and with all appropriate precautions while test results are pending, and after diagnosis if positive. We also realize that if the predicted "surge" in cases occurs in our area, we may be in a position that we will be required by the Department of Health to accept COVID-19 positive patients. We would only be asked to accept patients who can be appropriately cared for at Redstone. Right now, rest assured that all of our efforts are in preparation for what might happen. Still, we are taking this responsibility for preparation very seriously.

As we approach Easter weekend, we know it will be tempting to spend time with your families. We share your sadness that this cannot happen. Many Redstone employees will also spend our weekend separated from loved ones, as part of our efforts to protect you and those whom we love. Remember, if your family visits at your window, the window must be closed and you should talk to each other on the phone.

Members of Redstone's President's Council will be present on your campuses this weekend. We continue to each be assigned to a particular campus in order to minimize the risk of spread of the virus. John Dickson is on the Murrysville campus. Mark Celigoi is on the North Huntingdon campus. Lisa Dormire, Geoff Gehring, and I are all on the Greensburg campus because of its size and scope. Kathie Brean is holding down the fort at our corporate office building.

Some of you have expressed concern about driver's licenses and vehicle registration. Due to the pandemic, the governor has extended expiration dates so you need not worry about that.

Our Jewish friends and neighbors will begin their celebration of Passover today. Passover marks the miracle of the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery, and the “passing over” of the Jewish homes when the firstborn were killed in Egypt. May the meaning of Passover be in our hearts this year, especially for our Jewish residents. God is faithful and protects us. Faith in God has sustained us for generations, and we place our trust in God for these current days.

Sincerely,

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