

Dear Residents,

Here are your COVID-19 updates for Tuesday, April 14, 2020

It was a different kind of Easter but I hope that you found some moments of joy in your day. We enjoyed passing out the Easter bags to you. We're grateful to all of those who donated candy and other items to help make these bags possible. We're also grateful to our chaplains and lifestyle team members who planned special Easter activities. Perhaps more than ever before, the message of new life brought meaning to our Easter day.

We continue to be grateful that COVID-19 has not found its way into our Redstone campuses. Our western Pennsylvania region has been very fortunate so far with limited numbers of cases. We closely study the trends and follow the best practices provided for us by the CDC. We know that we are not "out of the woods," yet, but we count our blessings for what we have experienced so far. This week continues to remain important as we follow our social isolation guidelines and uphold the no-visitor policy. As always, we're counting on your continued cooperation to help us continue our positive trends here at Redstone.

It is now suggested that ALL Americans wear face masks when out of their private homes. This means that all of our employees and residents should be wearing masks when going into public spaces. Earlier on, it was recommended that you make or procure a cloth facemask for times that you might be out in the public (for medical appointments and such). We are currently checking our supply of cloth masks and will make arrangements to have one delivered to each of you as soon as we are able. If you are getting housekeeping services we ask that you also please wear your mask when they are in your villa providing those services. Wearing a mask helps to protect the people we come into contact with from the spread of COVID-19.

As you have probably heard on the news, the government is providing an immediate stimulus payment to qualifying Americans due to the coronavirus. Most eligible citizens will automatically receive the payment. Some, may have to fill out an application. If you did not file a 2018 or 2019 federal tax return because your gross income was under \$12,200 for an individual or \$24,400 for a couple, if you receive disability (SSDI) benefits, or if you receive Railroad Retirement or Survivor Benefits, you will need to complete an application. Visit <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payment> for more information.

We know you are missing your families and wanting to be out and about. We feel the same way! For now, however, we will stay the course and await advice as to when will be the right time to make changes to our policies. So as we begin another week, we encourage you to hold tight and continue to be courageous. We are all in this together!

Sincerely,
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