



A Note from Mother Margaret
April 27, 2020

Hello everyone,

We are grateful to announce that ***our Residents and staff are still all virus free at this time.*** We continue to follow all of the CDC and MO Department of Health & Senior Services guidelines to keep our Residents and staff safe.

Visitors are currently still not allowed in the home. We understand how difficult this is for our residents and also for their families – this has gone on for a long time! We appreciate everyone's patience, and are working hard to help residents stay in touch as much as possible through Skype and phone calls.

Along with increased cleaning and disinfecting, and monitoring everyone daily for COVID symptoms, we are also taking additional steps to help ensure everyone's safety:

- *Direct-care staff separate from other staff* – any employees who come into close contact with the residents, such as nurses and care givers, take breaks and eat in a separate break room from other employees.
- *Housekeeping and activities staff are assigned to one floor or area, and stay there* – to limit cross-contamination, employees are working in one area instead of working throughout the house
- *Nursing staff care for the same group of residents* – nurses and aides will stay with the same residents every day to limit the residents' exposure to different people
- *Prompt reporting* – any positive tests or suspected cases of COVID-19 in residents or staff will be reported to the CDC, as well as to families and residents, within 12 hours.

The residents remain in good spirits, even amid all the changes in their daily routines. Our activities department has been doing a fantastic job working with them individually to keep them engaged. This week the residents planted flower seeds in pots in their rooms, joined along with chair exercises that were televised on our "Senior TV", and even played soccer! The activities staff brought around a net goal and beach ball to each resident's room, and he/she kicked it into the goal. They really enjoyed that.

Our apartment residents are being supported too, as they follow the Stay-At-Home order. They, too are being monitored daily for symptoms, and we are providing individual meals and snacks for them so they can stay out of stores.

Thank you for your prayers, and be assured of ours for you as well. We will continue to update you on a weekly basis, or more often as needed.

May God bless you and keep you well,

Mother Margaret, lsp