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Dear Frederick Living Community,

Greetings!

Today is a good day.

We have now gone two weeks without anyone testing positive for COVID-19. We are now out of “outbreak” status and can resume certain activities that were stopped. As we planned for this day, we also have been discussing the impact of the decreasing county positivity rate and the amount of fully vaccinated residents and staff on campus. While we are not ready to return to pre-pandemic status, we are feeling comfortable with allowing more interaction and activity to take place on campus. We also believe it is appropriate under the right conditions to interact with the broader community and not be as isolated on campus.

Today, we have announced our new guidelines for campus life. They were shared at our regular resident and staff broadcast and posted on the website. As we make these announcements, I would like to highlight a few things that continue to be important.

- We are not “out of the woods” yet. We need to continue to be mindful of the risks associated with COVID-19. Our ongoing focus is the health and safety of our residents and staff.
- Due to federal and state guidelines, restrictions may be put back in place should we have additional positive test results among residents and staff.
- Everyone must wear a mask at all times on campus.
- All visitors and staff must screen in each day. Residents in homes on campus must screen when entering the main building.
- Social distancing is still important. We know that you want to hug your family member and be close to them. This is OK. However, we need to continue to limit close contact with those from different families.
- Be mindful of how you are feeling. Do NOT visit if you are not feeling well (for any reason). We do not want to have to put restrictions back in place.
- As the weather improves, we will be developing a plan for outside visits. Being outdoors continues to be the safest place to interact with others. However, these visits should be limited to those in the same family. We know that when outdoors, large groups tend to congregate together. We want to ensure that we can create a safe plan for outside visits. Stay tuned for further details.
- Visitors on campus must abide by all guidelines. Should a visitor violate these guidelines, a person will be asked to leave and may be restricted from future visits.
Entering this new phase may create questions and uncertainty. We will do our best to answer questions and listen to any concerns that people may have. The issues that the pandemic have brought on us are challenging and do not always have an easy answer. There are times when we will disagree about decisions that are made. We believe that if we continue to work together, we can get through this period.

Finally, on behalf of the Frederick Living team, we want to say thank you for your continued support. We are excited about welcoming you back onto campus. While we will keep our distance, know that we are happy that you are able to visit again.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Kauffman
Interim CEO