



FAIRMOUNT COVID-19 PREVENTION AND PROTECTION UPDATE

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You probably have heard that the Department of Health (DOH) and the County Commissioners have discussed plans to test nursing home residents and team members for COVID-19 regardless of whether they are showing symptoms or not. While the state and county continue those discussions, many questions remain unanswered. **Until we get clear direction, we will not consider widespread testing on asymptomatic residents or team members.** From the outset of this pandemic, we have adhered to the guidance and regulations of the DOH, whose guidelines we are required to follow.

We continue to research and plan for how things will look like at retirement communities as certain businesses open up. We cannot reinforce this enough, as the commonwealth and county start to loosen up restrictions on travel and reopen certain businesses and industries, **retirement communities and nursing homes will be among the last to open up.** This is due to the susceptibility and vulnerability of our residents.

With that said, we are formulating plans on how we at Fairmount can start opening up, once we are permitted to, safely and slowly as to protect our residents and team members, which is our primary focus.

OTHER ACTIONS THIS WEEK:

- Fairmount issued a Travel Advisory guidelines and recommendations for team members considering vacationing this summer. While Fairmount recommends travel for essential purposes, especially during the state's stay-at-home order, we encourage team members to use caution, practice safe measures, and remember they serve a vulnerable population.
- The task force held a virtual question and answer session with team members this week.
- As the possibility of the state and county considers reintroducing certain nonessential activities, Fairmount is exploring safe ways for our residents and their family members to visit. However, we are NOT open for visitors at all levels of care—Residential Living apartments and cottages, Personal Care and Health Care—at this time, INCLUDING window visits. Please adhere to these guidelines to help keep all our residents safe.
- Two residential living couples moved into their apartments this week.
- Team members received whoopie pies as a special treat for all of their hard work on May 20.
- We admitted three residents who tested positive for Coronavirus from a Personal Care home in Lancaster that was not equipped to treat them safely. They have been admitted into our Dogwood isolated hallway to recuperate.