



## ST. DOMINIC VILLAGE

*A Senior Care Community*

March 17, 2020

Dear St. Dominic Village Residents, Families, and Responsible Parties,

Due to the overwhelming and increasing concerns about the COVID-19 virus, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services continue to release new guidance and recommendations for senior care communities. Most of you have been updated by phone as to our changes, but I wanted to send this letter to outline to everyone where we are today across campus.

In efforts to maintain the health and safety of your loved ones, we have implemented the following restrictions on our campus:

- Families and Sitters will no longer be allowed in our facilities. Only healthcare personnel, end-of-life, and crisis care providers are to be allowed in our facilities. If you need to bring something to your loved one, please bring it to the nursing center checkpoint.
- All staff entering one of our buildings must clear a central checkpoint prior to entering the building at the beginning of each shift, each day. They must fill out a healthcare screening form and have daily temperature checks.
- The Beauty Shop will be closed until further notice.
- Rehabilitation/Therapy Services will take place in a resident's room instead of the Rehab gym in the Link area.
- All resident communal and group activities have been canceled. Residents are not confined to their rooms, but they are strongly discouraged from gathering in groups anywhere on campus. This means that Mass in all levels of care has been canceled.
- The Independent Living dining area will only provide take-out meals for all three meals each day until further notice. Assisted Living and Nursing Center residents will be served their meals in their rooms.
- We are encouraging our IL residents to stay on campus, and I am asking their families to not take them out unless it is absolutely necessary.

Please know that we are following these recommendations in efforts to keep our residents and staff safe. The health and safety of our community is of paramount importance during this time.

We will continue to monitor and navigate this unprecedented event and provide additional information as it arises. Thank you for your patience and cooperation, and for understanding that these measures are being taken in the best interest of our residents. I realize that it is difficult on everyone. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me by phone or email.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Shields".

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