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To: Residents

From: Path Forward Team

Subject: Path Forward Update



**THE VILLAGE AT  
ORCHARD RIDGE**

A National Lutheran Community

The Frederick County COVID-19 positivity rate increased this week to 15.6 percent, classifying our local community as red, which is the highest level of positivity classification using the CMS Positivity Rates by County Chart. Therefore, in consultation and collaboration with the director of clinical services for NLCS, the epidemiologist with the Virginia Department of Health and our salon vendors, salon and spa services provided here at Orchard Ridge for independent living residents are suspended beginning Monday, November 30, 2020. Because our resident population is considered a high-risk category, it was advised that these services cease as we continue to monitor the impact of the virus on our community.

Residents who had an appointment scheduled will be contacted by salon staff to cancel the scheduled appointment. As a community, we will continue to evaluate when it would be appropriate to resume salon and spa services in a safe manner, and residents who have appointments cancelled will be given priority scheduling when services resume. We understand the impact that this suspension of services decision has on many of our residents and join you in disappointment.

We also provide clarification around the topic of travel quarantine needs. Yesterday, we distributed through residents' internal mailboxes a COVID-19 Safety Guidance for the Holidays information sheet from NLCS. In the 'To travel or not to travel' section, it indicated that there are travel guidelines for residents who travel outside of their local area. Please note that Orchard Ridge defines our local area as Frederick County and Winchester. Therefore, based on the current Orchard Ridge travel quarantine guidelines, if you travel over the Thanksgiving holiday to a location in the Frederick County or Winchester areas, there is not a need for you to quarantine, unless you feel in order to keep everyone safe that it would be in the best interest of our Orchard Ridge community for you to do so. If you are traveling outside of the Frederick County and Winchester areas, for a day trip or overnight, you would need to quarantine if the location of your travel upon return is classified as red on the CMS Positivity Rates by County Chart. <https://data.cms.gov/stories/s/COVID-19-Nursing-Home-Data/bkwz-xpvg/>

We remind you that there is a Travel Communication Form available on the Resource Table in the Lobby or through Concierge for you to complete for overnight trips and this completed form is returned to Concierge.

Our current situation poses challenges for all of us, especially as we enter into the holiday season. We continue to thank you for your patience and understanding, and your incredible commitment to a healthy community for all of us. Happy Thanksgiving!

# MEMORANDUM