

First, we would like to take a moment to thank our local and state partners for their continued support and contributions. Specifically, we would like to thank Governor Hogan's office, the Maryland Department of Health, University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center, Charles County Department of Emergency Services and the La Plata Police Department. We are also incredibly grateful for the generosity of our local businesses who support Sagepoint staff who are our heroes. Organizations such as Chris Heinze at Pizza Hotline in La Plata who delivered meals to the staff on Easter Sunday, Gus Proctor from the Charles County Sheriff's Office for dinner, La Plata Girl Scout Troop 44 who delivered cookies to the staff, Karen Wagnon and the Southern Maryland Mask Makers and La Plata Walgreens. Last but certainly not least, we thank our families and countless community supporters who constantly send well wishes and prayers for our staff and residents. We are eternally gratefully.

In an effort to provide clear, accurate information to our families and friends, we have been actively publicizing our messages in response to the COVID -19 global pandemic here since March 6, 2020. We recognize that this is a concerning time for everyone and we have been communicating directly with families as needed. We are so accustomed to our doors being opened and seeing our families every day and we look forward to the time when that is the case once again. Until that time, we have begun an additional communication process during this situation. Every day, Monday through Friday, a nurse will visit your family member and make daily contact by phone call with all residents' families. These calls will be coordinated and allow us the opportunity to provide our Sagepoint families with a daily update, which will help to answer your questions. We believe that communication is key during this time.

From the beginning of the spread of COVID-19 cases in the United States, Sagepoint has been an early adopter of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) guidance for nursing homes and residential facilities. We have closely followed the guidance of not only the CDC but also that of public health authorities at the state and local levels and have put practices in place to follow this guidance even before it was mandated. The care of our residents is our utmost concern and we take this responsibility very seriously. As we said in our April 10 statement as Maryland hits what authorities believe are the peak weeks of the virus, the Governor's office reports known clusters among staff and residents at more than 100 nursing homes and long-term facilities across the state. To attempt to combat spread, we developed a very aggressive plan to test all residents with and without symptoms. Working with the Maryland Department of Health, we were able to accomplish the testing. The data is reported to the Maryland Department of Health and according to their statement, "The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) cannot release a detailed list of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities affected by COVID-19 due to HIPAA and state laws surrounding confidentiality."

We remain steadfast in our commitment to safeguard the residents and staff at Sagepoint.

We will continue to communicate here as well with any general important updates. #sagepointstrong