

On March 30, 2020, we communicated to you that Sagepoint had a resident test positive for COVID19 in the long-term care building. Following the first reported U.S. case in January in the Kirkland, Washington nursing home, we began and continue to do everything possible to stop the spread of this within our facility. Unfortunately, the asymptomatic spread of the virus is greater than experts originally thought and has made nursing homes and other residential facilities at greatest risk for the spread of this disease. 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 80 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. This process allows us to cohort patients and staff in specific areas and severely reduce any crossover. Frankly, we believe this is the only way nursing homes can limit the spread in a facility.

We know you have concerns and we want to make sure we keep you informed. We are held to federal privacy standards and respect the privacy of all of our residents and staff so we are unable to share information about any affected individuals generally. We will directly communicate with immediate family members/guardians of any necessary updates and are in the process of doing that now.

We continue to be in very close communication with local and state health officials to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps, in most cases well before they are mandated. We are strictly adhering to the guidelines from the CDC and the Maryland Department of Health. We continue to stay diligent and on high alert in all of the areas of operation. Thankfully, we can report no known cases in either the Gardens or Memory Care.

We could not be more grateful for our amazing Sagepoint staff. They are here, everyday providing the level of care you have come to expect from Sagepoint. We ask your support for them during this tough time. They are real heroes. #sagepointstrong