

On Thursday night, Rachel Maddow spent the majority of her show talking about COVID-19 testing in facilities with large concentrations of people, such as nursing homes. At one point, she mentioned Maryland and actually displayed a graphic on the screen of a newspaper headline that mentioned Sagepoint Senior Living Services by name. In her report, Ms. Maddow went on to talk about the importance of universal testing, and how nursing homes can't provide the levels of care required to protect its residents without first testing its residents. All of them, and not just those who are COVID-19 symptomatic. We wholeheartedly agree with her, which is why we began testing all of our residents early last month, soon after our first positive COVID-19 test result was recorded.

If you watch this short clip of a portion of Thursday night's show, you'll see exactly what we mean:

<https://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow/watch/coronavirus-lesson-more-testing-turns-up-more-cases-82855493605>

Her report Thursday night also mentioned Maryland Governor Larry Hogan and his executive order from Wednesday afternoon mandating universal testing in nursing homes. Not coincidentally, about an hour before Governor Hogan made that announcement, we issued a news release in which we called on the state health department to mandate universal testing. Thank you, Governor, for agreeing with us.

Did testing all of our residents make our number of cases look considerably higher than other Maryland facilities? Definitely. Did testing everyone save lives? Absolutely. For that reason alone, it was the right thing to do. We'll trade a bad newspaper headline for saving a life any day of the week.

Thank you, Rachel Maddow and Governor Hogan, for strongly supporting our actions.