

## **Nursing Home and Assisted Living Centers**

Update 10/02/20

Yesterday, at 4:00 pm, Governor Larry Hogan held a press conference where we learned with all of you that he is mandating that long-term care facilities move to indoor visitation with residents. Following the press conference yesterday evening, the Maryland Department of Health issued the guidelines for us to follow regarding this mandate. Recently, guidance was also issued from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid of the move toward indoor visitation. However, in direct conflict with federal guidance, all skilled nursing facilities in the State were told by the Maryland Department of Health not to move forward with this practice. This dramatic shift in mandates yesterday from the State authorities is highly troubling for us. We have serious concerns about the hastiness with which this mandate was issued and the lack of ample notice to allow facilities to prepare adequately. The safety of our residents is our highest concern and we will not put them at risk. We are diligently working to safely allow indoor visitation at Sagepoint in an organized manner and will notify families as soon as we are absolutely sure that can be accomplished. Please watch for our video discussion, which will be posted to [www.sagepointcare.org](http://www.sagepointcare.org) on Monday, to further clarify this issue.