



March 19, 2020

Dear Residents, Family Members, Visitors and Team Members,

Your health and safety are our most important priority. Please read this important [Notice immediately regarding restrictions](#) for visiting our Fellowship Village Community. Since the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) we have continued to monitor this dynamic situation on a daily basis. Please be assured that Fellowship Senior Living is taking all the appropriate measures as outlined by the Centers for Disease Management (CDC) and State and Local health officials in collaboration with our Medical Director and our Infectious Disease Specialist.

Our healthcare team continues to enact plans for protection against COVID-19 as based on CDC and federal and state guidance. Measures that have been implemented include:

- Enactment of **No visitation** to our Health Center except for end-of-life situations and **restriction of non-essential visitation** (friends, families, etc.) to our Fellowship Village independent living community; all doors will remain secured until further notice
- Temporary closing of Fellowship Village's Salon
- Health Center Residents - Restricting non-essential packages/deliveries, no outside laundry service, and enacting social distancing during meal service and meal delivery
- Dining at Fellowship Village's independent living community resident dining areas have been suspended and replaced with take-out with extended hours from 8:30am to 6:30pm for proper social distancing
- Recruitment of Dr. Natarajan, Infectious Disease Consultant, in conjunction with our Medical Director to provide infection control direction including treatment recommendations, surveillance, and response
- Development of an organization-wide COVID-19 plan and protocol
- Screening of all personnel, support services and patients to the Health Center and screening of essential visitors via the Main Community Entrance for risk of COVID-19 including **temperature checks**.
- **No visitation** to Fellowship Village independent living community by **volunteers**.
- Active, ongoing COVID-19 surveillance of all residents in our Health and Medical Centers
- Education of team members and Residents about COVID-19 transmission and adhering to precautions
- Screening of team member travel and requiring medical clearance for return to work
- Requiring team members to stay home or leave work if respiratory symptoms and/or fever appear and be tested and cleared by a physician before returning to work and monitoring of team member absenteeism
- Continued monitoring of CDC and federal and state updates about appropriate COVID-19 response
- An interdisciplinary education program about COVID-19 has been established for our team members
- Large in-person group events have been temporally suspended and live streaming has been implemented

For more information about COVID-19, please refer to www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov CDC resources will also be available at the main entrances of our community.

We strongly encourage everyone to follow CDC recommended practices that are proven to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Symptoms develop within 2 to 14 days of exposure and may include fever, cough, shortness of

Fellowship Village Life Plan Community (CCRC)

- Independent Living
- Assisted Living
- Memory Care
- Skilled Nursing
- Sub-Acute Rehabilitation
- Outpatient Rehab & Wellness

Fellowship At Home Services

- Long-Term Care Plans
- Therapy at Home
- Home Care
- Concierge
- Care Management Services
- Hospice

breath, sore throat, and congestion with runny nose. Risk of severe illness is greater for older adults and those with chronic medical conditions. According to the CDC, the best measures toward minimizing risk are everyday actions that protect against the Flu. Below are recommended actions:

- Stay home when you are sick except if you need medical care
- Wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds, especially when using public restrooms, before eating and after touching public surfaces, e.g., hand rails, door handles, elevator buttons, counters etc.
- Use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if water and soap are not readily available
- Cover cough and sneeze with a tissue and discarding waste receptacle – wash hands afterwards
- Avoid shaking hands and touching eyes, mouth, and nose with unwashed hands
- Maintain social distance of at least about 6 feet when someone appears ill
- Clean and disinfect touched objects and surfaces often
- Refrain from airline, mass transit and cruise travel to limit risk of exposure within a confined area
 - Please check travel advisories at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>.
- Avoid any confined areas with people including restaurants, gyms, theatres, and other venues

I am blessed to have a dedicated, caring, and thoughtful team of professionals who are focused on your well-being and are working hard to stay abreast of this very dynamic situation and put in the place the protocols as established by the CDC and our medical professionals.

If you are planning on visiting or entering our Fellowship Village campus, please refer to our [Notice](#) for restrictions and limitations. For those permitted on campus please refrain from coming to Fellowship Village if any of the following are true:

- **Do you or someone close to you currently have or had in the last 24 hours fever (temperature of 100.0 F or above)? Please be aware your temperature will be verified before visiting.**
- **Do you or someone close to you currently have or had in the last 24 hours symptoms of respiratory illness, for example, fever, cough, shortness of breath, and/or sore throat?**
- **Have you or someone close to you had recent hospitalization within the past 2 weeks for any of the above symptoms?**
- **Have you or someone close to you traveled by air within the last 14 days?**
- **Have you or someone close to you taken a cruise in the last 14 days or participated in other settings where crowds are confined to a common location?**
- **Have you or someone close to you been in contact with someone with or under investigation for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?**
- **Have you or someone close to you reside in or travels to a community where community-based spread of COVID-19 is occurring?**

Atlantic Health Systems launched a COVID-19 public-facing hotline designed to assist anyone who are concerned that they or a loved one may have been exposed to or have symptoms of COVID-19.

The hotline will initially operate seven days a week from 7:00am to 7:00pm at [862-260-3199](tel:862-260-3199).

The COVID-19 Nurse Screening Hotline is staffed by trained Atlantic Health System nurses who will triage calls and help guide the next steps in seeking care. Callers with clinical symptoms of concern or travel/exposure concerns will be connected with dedicated AMG physicians to assist in evaluation and triage.

Please check our website for any updates at <https://www.fellowshipseniorliving.org/coronavirus-updates/>.

Thank you for all of your efforts to help minimize risk in our community.

God Bless,



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