

Update: April 3, 2020

I am sure you all have heard that Maryland is under a Stay at Home order (Number 20-03-30-01). Under the order, no Maryland resident should leave home except for an essential job or the allowable reasons of obtaining food, health care, or medicine. I want to reiterate that under this order Friends House has ceased window visits until the statewide Stay at Home order has been lifted.

To date, we have no COVID-19 cases on the campus of Friends House Retirement Community. In accordance with health department guidelines, all staff on the health care units are wearing masks. We are wearing masks to reduce the risk of possible transmissions.

We are acutely aware that these are tough times for everyone. We do have the ability to have video chat calls/visits with Skype. To participate, you must have a free Skype account www.skype.com. We also have limited access to provide Facetime visits during the hours of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm for those with Apple devices. Please call 301-924-7531 to set up a video chat visit with your loved one. In order to accommodate the increased need for video chat visits, we ask that calls/visits are no longer than 20 minutes. The hours for Skype video chat calls are between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

Some of you may be coming by the facility to get your loved one's laundry. In order to comply with the Stay at Home order we will be washing all clothing here at Friends House so that you do not have to be on the road.

We continue to implement our infection control practices and cleaning processes. We are requiring and gently reminding our residents to maintain social distancing and our activity team is being creative in

ensuring they have social connection and things to do, yet stay safe per the guidelines established by CDC, CMS and our internal procedures.