

Friends House Retirement Community Inc.



May 29, 2020

Dear Residents & Family Members,

Can you believe it is already almost June? And what a year this has become. I never imagined how much and how quickly so many things we take for granted could change.

The good news here at Friends House is that we currently have no (zero) residents with positive COVID-19 tests. And yes, we are still testing; as recently as yesterday. While this could change at any time given the virus is invisible, our current results reflect the very quick and highly proactive approach of our team in promptly identifying and managing the positive cases we previously uncovered.

The less than stellar news is that our healthcare areas still remain unavailable to visitors, as this is necessary to have any chance of keeping the virus out. And we know this is hard on the families. We all have families as well, some of them in other states and some in healthcare communities, too. We know we are not you, and can never replace you. But please know that our team counts your loved one as part of our extended family, and is doing all we can to help bridge some of the gap until the day we are allowed to open the doors for your visit. And I see lots of smiling faces in our healthcare areas, so something is working well.

Our latest results are:

	#Positives	#Deaths	#Returned to Work	#Now Negative	#Still Positive
Residents	18	5	N/A	13	0
Staff	14	0	13	N/A	1

Your continued support and encouragement of our team is greatly appreciated. Our staff members continue to follow public health recommendations to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. These include strict handwashing procedures, and in many circumstances, wearing facemasks, gowns, and gloves when interacting with residents who are sick. As you know, there are well documented shortages, so our team has been very resourceful in obtaining all we can and adjusting as necessary where needed for the safety and welfare of the resident.

Some have asked how they can help. If you feel so inclined and would like to contribute to helping our team during this time of the coronavirus, please contact Anne Derby at 301-924-7510 or aderby@friendshouse.com, or go to this link: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/Giv3>.

We will update our COVID19 section of our website as new information is available.

We appreciate your continued patience and understanding. We continue to work with The Maryland Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and local health departments in monitoring the outbreak of the virus, COVID-19.

As things begin to open up in the broader community, please do not let your guard down. The virus is still out there.
Stay Safe,

Friends House Management