



## SUNNYSIDE VILLAGE

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*A Christian Senior Living Community*

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### **Update to Village Independent Living Residents and Staff**

#### **Good News!**

Good news seems hard to come by these days-though we all have much to be thankful for, the challenge of our current situation places all of us in unexpected circumstances!

I'm happy to report that everyone has been tested for the virus in-house, has tested negative. We have received no reports of new positive tests for residents or staff since the first report of the virus was shared with you several days ago.

Our second good news story is that we don't have any significant changes to our guidance for living at Sunnyside to report for the upcoming week. We seem to have found a steady pace and systems for interacting that are working across the campus.

There is a lot of talk about "'opening up" businesses and various community settings in the next few weeks. The sources that I am in touch with indicate that the "opening up" of senior living communities like Sunnyside will likely be slower than the general business process for "opening up." Steve Bahmer, the Executive Director of LeadingAge Florida, was selected to represent senior living communities on the Governor's Task Force that is currently meeting to address this issue. Mr. Bahmer and his team have been very proactive in helping represent the Florida senior living communities to our state officials, and I am confident he will be helpful on this Task Force.

In the meantime, we should all be thinking about how we are going to be proactive personally in helping to avoid exposing ourselves to the virus, or if we happen to get the virus, how you will avoid passing on to others. Ultimately, that's the bottom line that we are living with, whether you are living at Sunnyside or somewhere else in the world.

Thanks again for your wonderful support over these past few weeks. I hope we can continue the positivity over the next weeks as we journey into our unknown future. Continue to pray for everyone that comes to mind, whether at Sunnyside or in the big world beyond Sunnyside. And know that you are being prayed for daily by persons in the local community outside of Sunnyside.

Thank you!

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