



# Living Care

RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

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July 3, 2020

Dear Residents,

As we prepare to celebrate Independence Day, I know that many of us are feeling like we haven't had much independence in the last few months. Our celebrations this year will be different than our normal 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations, without the barbecues and firework shows. As we did with Memorial Day, we can still honor and reflect on the significance of this day and share warm memories with each other from Independence Day celebrations in the past, and our hopes for the future.

We notified you earlier this week of 2 positive COVID cases in our nursing home and another round of testing taking place this week for all staff and residents in the nursing center. As of today, the majority of test results have been returned to us and have all been negative. This means that as of the information we have today, we still only have 2 COVID positive residents on campus and the infection is contained. We continue to stay diligent to keep it that way.

Activities update: Next week we are going to slowly start to phase back in activities, starting with scenic drives on the bus and chaplain's devotionals. You may refer to your previously provided personal activity schedules to see your assigned time for these two activities. You may also contact Jennifer, our activities director, with questions at 965-5278.

Salon services: We continue to provide salon services to residents only, and limited services until we can get all of our residents caught up with basic haircuts. Once we get through the backlog, we will phase back in other services such as sets, perms and colors. You may call the salon at 853-3020 to schedule. Please leave a message. Jenny does the majority of her call-backs at the end of the day, once she's through all of her clients for that day. We have also decided to revert back to having all salon charges be billed to your resident account for now.

As you probably read in the newspaper today, Yakima County has been approved to move to Phase 1.5. What does this mean for Living Care? Unfortunately, not a lot of things change for us in this modified phase 1. As you'll see on the chart on the back of this letter, social gatherings with people outside of your household are still not permitted in phase 1.5. This modified phase essentially supports small businesses – it allows some local businesses to start to re-open with strict capacity and sanitation protocols in place. For example, restaurants may open for outdoor seating only but people sitting at the same table must still be members of the same household. In other words, you cannot meet a friend for lunch and sit at the same table.

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

Mask reminder: As a reminder, masks are still required to be worn to all activities and while outside on campus. We are also still asking you to honor social distancing – keeping 6 feet of distance between you and other residents when you interact, with masks on. Cloth masks are only truly effective when used with social distancing as they do not prevent 100% of particles from passing from individual to individual. We continue to see a lot of residents not wearing masks and not social distancing. If we don't see improvement with this, we may need to pull back on some of our planned activities until we see better compliance. As the Yakima community at large begins to open up more, that also increases your potential risk of exposure from non-residents being on our campus, so our visitor restrictions will remain in place and we encourage you to utilize the Chatter Box to visit with loved ones.


Quoting directly from the Yakima Health District website:

As we move through phase 1.5 of reopening, we must continue to work together to prevent the spread of COVID-19. It is more important than ever that you:

- Practice social distancing
- Wear masks in public settings
- Avoid gathering with people outside your household
- Stay home if you are sick
- Practice good hygiene

This chart below is a summary of what phase 1.5 allows in our county.

 SOCIAL GATHERINGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No gatherings with people outside your household.</li></ul>
 INDIVIDUALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Masks are strongly encouraged in public settings.</li><li>• Maintain 6 feet physical distance.</li></ul>
 RESTAURANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outdoor seating only with proper physical distancing and only with individuals from your household.</li></ul>
 RETAIL STORES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open at 15% indoor capacity with indoor activities limited to 30 minutes.</li></ul>
 RELIGIOUS/FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open up to 25% capacity or up to 200 people, whichever is less, with physical distancing between households.</li></ul>
 PERSONAL SERVICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open at 25% indoor capacity.</li></ul>



As always, thank you for your cooperation and support. Thank you for being good neighbors to each other, supporting and encouraging each other and our staff as we all work together to get through this pandemic safely.

Thank you,  
Eva Lounsbury  
Resident Services Director