



# Living Care

RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

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Nov. 3, 2020

Dear Residents,

What a glorious fall weekend we just had! I used my extra hour to take my dogs on a fall walk Sunday morning in the Yakima Arboretum. I hope you were able to enjoy some time outside in the sunshine.

We learned late last week that a few Residents in Hillcrest Assisted Living have tested positive for COVID-19. This is the first time in over 7 months that any of our Hillcrest Residents have tested positive. The staff in Hillcrest are working diligently to prevent the spread of the virus to any other Residents or Staff. Fortunately, our campus has done extremely well during the pandemic and overall, we have had very few COVID cases. Just like the influenza virus, we know the COVID virus exists in our world now and we all have to work diligently to prevent it from spreading.

Even though our Independent Apartments aren't governed as strictly as licensed medical facilities are (such as Hillcrest at Summitview and our Summitview Healthcare Center), this is a reminder to all of us that we must stay diligent. Some of our Independent Residents at present are having limited guests in their private apartments, and some aren't. Some residents are going and spending time with families and then returning, and some aren't. Some are going to church... Some may be going to restaurants and into stores... We are all having to make hard and careful choices about our interactions.

As our case counts are rising again in Yakima County, I urge you to be very careful and wise in the interactions you have both on and off campus. Living in a community, if you contract this virus you could bring it to our community. I'm very cognizant of this as well and am being very careful myself. I also urge you to be kind in your interactions with each other. We each have to make careful and individual decisions about what activities we take part in, who we see on and off campus and where we go.

We have not for quite some time now asked residents to quarantine in their apartments after being off campus (unless there was some known exposure or suspicious symptoms). We instead are asking that all residents be careful both on and off campus, practice good hygiene, social distancing, wearing a mask, and choose wisely who you choose to spend time with given their potential risk of exposure.

As I've urged you before, please protect yourself. If you feel uncomfortable being in an activity or area around others who are coming and going and choosing differently than you, it is okay to choose to refrain from that activity. One thing I love about Living Care is the feeling that we are all a family. We will continue to get through this pandemic as a family, together.

Sincerely,

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