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Dear Families, Friends and Loved Ones of Bellaire at Stone Port.

This week our Governor Ralph Northam of Virginia signed an Executive Order Sixty-One that provides a detailed framework for the first phase of the “Forward Virginia” plan to safely and gradually ease public health restrictions while containing the spread of COVID-19. ([Full Guidelines- Safer At Home: Phase One](#))

I wanted to express what this means to Bellaire at Stone Port and our residents.

As we continue to follow guidance from the [Virginia Department of Health \(VDH\)](#) and [the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), we will also continue to hold the safety of our residents as high priority as well as maintaining the understanding that our seniors remain as the most vulnerable population. At this point, we must keep our restrictions and processes in place, which includes the “no visitation” rule. We understand completely you are missing your loved ones; however, we feel keeping these essential measures in place will continue to keep our residents safe with the hope one day soon to ease back into our normal life.

Protocol for our community is still in place and we will continue to practice these safety measures:

1. Social distancing and the use of masks
2. Screening process for all team members coming to work and the screenings for our residents
3. No communal dining
4. All residents are wearing a surgical/cloth mask while in public areas
5. Activities department is continuing one on one visits

We do recognize that family contact and involvement are essential during these times, and we will continue to do everything we can to keep our families and residents engaged.

**In the meantime, “Patio Visits” are still open for residents and their loved ones if all parties wear a mask and maintain at least 6 feet distance. I understand the urge to reach out and hug your loved one is very real. My mother is a senior, and I so miss hugging her. However, everyone must follow the guidelines provided to allow the continuation of the patio visits. Please call 540-246-0888 to schedule your patio visit.**

This past Sunday we had numerous patio visits that occurred which brought so much joy to the residents and families. We have noticed this has really helped lift the spirits of our beloved residents. We are thankful for the team members who are being so careful and our family members who support the restrictions we have put in place. A special thank you to all that have supported our community during this current time. Together we will see this through to the end.

If you have any questions at all, we are here for you. Please call us at 540-246-0888.

Stay safe!

Beth Wells, Executive Director

Bellaire at Stone Port