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Dear All RiverWoods Durham, RiverWoods Exeter and Birch Hill Residents,

Two quick updates today:

First, YAY, we now have enough cloth masks for everyone! Thank you to all of our mask makers (and feel free to keep sewing so we have backups). Your community leaders will distribute one to each Independent Living resident today or tomorrow. Please remember, wearing a cloth mask doesn't protect you from others, but it will help protect others from you! So please wear the cloth mask anytime you are around others and please continue with the 6-foot social distancing, handwashing and other important virus avoiding measures!

Second, more information will come on this next week, but we have been able to work out a partnership with ConvenientMD to test all our staff for COVID-19. So far we have not had any staff or residents test positive for the virus, but the guidance is really pointing toward finding a way to get all health care workers tested – even if they are asymptomatic. This test is a “point in time” so it is not a panacea, but it will help us know if we have any asymptomatic staff on site so that we can remove them from the schedule and reduce the risk of transmission. We are very excited about this as we believe that on a big picture basis more testing will help us to slow the spread of the virus.

We are sending an initial memo to the staff about this today, with more details to come early next week. If we can work out all of the logistics, we expect to begin testing late next week and do it over the course of several days. The tests would be sent to a lab at MIT and we expect results in 24 hours. That is all really good news. Anything we can do to know more allows us to adjust and plan properly.

We are also working with ConvenientMD to get all our Health Care residents tested, and to allow that opportunity to those of you who live in the independent apartments. More details to come next week as we work through the logistics.

Thank you and Stay Healthy My Friends!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justine Vogel".

Justine Vogel, TRWG CEO