



March 23, 2020

To our Residents,

You may have seen that Governor Eric Holcomb signed an executive order urging Hoosiers to stay home in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19. This order goes into effect at 11:59pm on March 24 and runs through 11:59pm on April 6 – but could be extended. Gov. Holcomb has asked all residents to stay in their home unless for essential business or essential activities.

At Westminster, we have been diligently working to keep our residents safe and healthy by following recommendations by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Indiana State Department of Health and the Marion County Board of Health. Now, we ask you to follow our Governor's order. We strongly recommend that our Independent Living and Cottage residents self-isolate. We ask you to please stay in your home and not leave our community. As people over the age of 60, we are in the highest risk for serious repercussions from the disease. Remember that your family or a delivery service can drop off groceries at the Tamarack customer service desk and we will deliver them to you as soon as possible. Or, speak to your activities staff and we will arrange for grocery delivery. It is acceptable to go on an individual walk outside to get exercise and fresh air. Please follow accepted social distancing by staying 6' from another individual.

We are also asking residents to refrain from sitting in the main Tamarack lobby while waiting on deliveries. We cannot allow congestion in this space and will deliver your items to you as quickly as possible when they arrive. This is for everyone's safety and privacy as well.

As a health care and residential provider, our staff are exempt from the executive order and have been given letters showing their employment is essential to caring for those in need. We will continue to have staff!

We also want to share that we are suspending non-emergency housekeeping for Independent Living residents, which allows our staff to focus on our licensed areas, where residents may have more complicated health situations. This decision also complies with the Governor's order about non-essential services.

These are very difficult times and we appreciate your understanding as we attempt to prioritize our work to keep you protected, healthy and safe. If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

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