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Dear members of Aldersbridge Communities:

I am writing to provide an update regarding the precautions we are taking as a result of the coronavirus outbreak locally in Rhode Island and across the world.

To date, no resident or staff member has contracted nor tested positive for the virus. We are complying with the RI Department of Health (DOH) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and directives regarding restricted visitation, universal precautions such as thorough hand washing and careful screening, and ongoing monitoring in an effort to stem the community spread of the virus. No visitors are allowed in, except for extraordinary circumstances which are approved by administration. Staff members are screened for health each day. Residents are being kept at safe social distances from each other. Our staff is wiping down surfaces, wearing personal protective equipment as necessary, and communicating when there are updates from the Governor and DOH. We are also doing our best to make sure residents are not feeling lonely, helpless, or afraid.

We recognize the terrible inconvenience this is causing for you and your families, and sincerely empathize in this situation. We wish it were different, but we are living together through unprecedented times. This pandemic is like nothing we have ever dealt with before.

The staff and residents of Aldersbridge function as a community that is dedicated to enhancing the well-being of those we serve with compassion, care, and dignity. Being part of a community has obligations, and at a time like this, each of us needs to take personal responsibility to ensure that we are not putting other members of the community at risk. Keeping all staff and residents safe is our priority, and our commitment.

Some members of our community may feel that precautions for coronavirus are unnecessary or overblown. Some may feel that their individual rights should be placed above those of the community, by continuing to live as if there is no threat, socializing normally, not washing their hands frequently, and disregarding the directives from the DOH and CDC. These individuals represent the biggest threat to our community, because they have the greatest potential to become infected and spread the disease to others who are vulnerable due to compromised health or at risk from underlying medical issues.

At this time, every one of us has an obligation to the greater good. We cannot think only of ourselves. We need to rely on each other to do what is right. If, and only if, everyone responsibly practices the recommendations of the DOH and CDC, will we return to our previous state relatively unscathed.

If you have any questions at all, please speak with a member of administration. Each of you is a valued member of our community. Stay safe.

Sincerely,

Richard Gamache, CEO  
Aldersbridge Communities



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