



Date: May 22, 2020
To: Residents of University Commons
From: Bob Kelch
Subject: COVID-19 UPDATE

On behalf of the Board and the COVID-19 Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, I am writing to summarize our current guidelines as well as new recommendations for maintenance of a safe environment for all residents.

First, I would like to thank everyone for adhering exceptionally well to the 6ft social distancing mandate and for wearing masks while in public areas of our community. Most likely, these guidelines will remain in place for the rest of the summer months.

Outside visitors are strongly discouraged, but caregivers, cleaners, and servicemen may enter units if they wear masks and personal protective equipment and if they maintain the social distancing mandate. Realtors may also show units if they and their clients wear masks and follow all guidelines. Realtors must contact a member of the Board to enter the main building. Tours will not be given by the Public Relations Committee members.

Large gatherings (greater than 10 people) are still prohibited. This year we will not hold the usual holiday celebrations on Memorial Day and the 4th of July. Perhaps we will be able to hold a Labor Day gathering if there is not an upsurge in COVID-19 cases. Small groups of residents (10 or fewer) may meet if they wear masks and if they maintain social distancing. The large classroom is set up to accommodate small groups safely and it may be scheduled by contacting Margaret. Also, the Recital Hall could be used for small group gatherings. When the weather permits, we encourage residents to use the patio. The patio tables are five feet in diameter and thus, social distancing may be maintained across the table if you sit back just a little bit. The tables will be spaced to allow adequate spacing between tables and only a limited number of chairs per table (4 maximum) will be placed outside.

As a retirement community we must be more careful than the rest of society because of the vulnerability of our residents. Local COVID-19 data from the Washtenaw County Public Health Department is both sobering and encouraging at the same time. (<https://www.washtenaw.org/3095/COVID-19>). There have been 92 deaths attributed to COVID-19 in Washtenaw County and 95% of them have occurred in individuals greater

than 60 years of age. Positive tests per week peaked on March 28th and have declined steadily since then. During the week that ended on May 16 there were only 17 confirmed new cases and since then cases per day have remained in the low single digits. For zip code 48105 the percent of population of confirmed and probable cases is 0.31% which is smaller than the county average of 0.41%.

Guidelines for Reopening America on the CDC website state that vulnerable people and their communities should shelter in place until the end of phase 2 (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/>). Thus, we must put the safety and health of our residents first and maintain shelter in place guidelines for at least another 6 weeks and perhaps longer if there is a resurgence of COVID-19.

Please feel free to send questions and comments to me or any Board member. If you have the time and interest, I strongly recommend that you peruse the Washtenaw County Public Health website. It has a great deal of information about testing sites and answers to frequently asked questions.