



COVID-19 Update

March 27, 2020

Although we have no new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in any of our communities, we continue to make every effort to be prepared. Thank you to all of our residents for cooperating with the shelter-in-place orders. And we want to give tremendous thanks to our staff whose care, compassion, and hard work are apparent every day.

This week, the Directors of Nursing and Infection Preventionists met via Zoom to go over their infection control plans and procedures and to share best practices. They, along with members of the Task Force, have been inventorying our current stores of personal protective equipment (PPE) and finding sources for more. In particular, Covia has placed an order through LeadingAge California and other vendors for N95 masks and gowns to supply all of our communities. These supplies should be arriving in the coming week.

Our Community Services programs Well Connected and Social Call continue to add new participants and volunteers daily. They have also started a program to allow people to send cards to participants. If you're interested in participating, please reach out to them at 877-797-7299 or coviaconnections@covia.org.

We're pleased to report that the resident of Lytton Gardens who tested positive for COVID-19 is recovering and doing well. One other resident at that community with presenting symptoms tested negative for COVID-19 and no other cases have been reported there. In other communities, 4 residents and one staff person have tested negative, and we await the results of tests for 4 more residents and 3 staff. We are always hopeful that we will make our way through, but we know that we have further to go in managing this crisis.

If you have not already done so, we invite you to read the message from Kevin Gerber, Covia's President and CEO, which can be found on our blog at <https://covia.org/blog/letter-from-kevin-gerber-president-and-ceo/>. To quote from his letter, "Stay safe, stay well, and stay connected."