



COVID-19 Update

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This week, each of our Life Plan communities has been finalizing its state-mandated COVID-19 mitigation plan for Skilled Nursing. Plans are due to the California Department of Public Health by June 1 and must include information on how we provide testing, infection prevention and control, personal protective equipment, staffing, designation of space, and communication.

We feel prepared to address these issues because we have already been doing so - and successfully. We commend San Francisco Towers for their great work in preventing the spread of COVID-19 at their community. As of this writing, only one staff member remains in self-isolation and should be cleared soon. It has obviously been a team effort to contain the virus – not just by the health care team, but by everyone who has followed protocols of distancing, face coverings, and hygiene. Thank you!

Covia's Community Services programs are continuing to serve people in our communities and elsewhere. Market Day provided deliveries of produce to four locations in the past two weeks. The Home Match program is matching home owners and home seekers through virtual interviews. And the Well Connected program is providing the platform for the American Society on Aging to offer a series of workshops on Creative Aging that had been scheduled for the Aging in America Conference.

This week on the Covia blog, we highlighted the work of Covia's Resident Service Coordinators. "Under normal circumstances, RSCs coordinate a wide variety of services, ranging from offering social and cultural programs within their communities to helping residents access benefit programs and medical care. During the shelter in place order, RSCs have continued connecting residents to essential services, which now include getting access to food deliveries, masks, and hand sanitizer." Learn more about how they support residents at covia.org/news/.

Last week, we asked what living in community means to you. Thank you to those who sent in your stories. One resident at Canterbury Woods shared, "Living here, right now, is pure gift to me. My family offered to bring me to their home if I didn't feel safe. I told them I feel safer at Canterbury than anywhere else I could imagine... I'm proud to call Canterbury Woods my home."

If you want to tell us about your community, or have further questions or comments, please email us at C19info@covia.org. Stay safe and healthy, and have a good weekend.