

New Perspective.

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Dear residents, tenants, and family members,

Efforts to contain the spread of *COVID-19* (Coronavirus) in the U.S. continue to evolve moment-to-moment. Given this fast-moving dynamic, New Perspective continues to closely monitor federal and state guidance on best measures to prevent the spread.

In response to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) “Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Nursing Homes (REVISED),” **effective today**, New Perspective has implemented a restriction on **all visitors**—with the exception of essential third-party healthcare providers and visitors for residents who are at end-of-life. This restriction on visitation will be evaluated on March 31, 2020 to determine based on CMS and the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) guidance whether to modify or continue the restriction.

A sign reflecting the restriction on visitation will be posted at the entrance of all New Perspective communities. Essential third-party healthcare personnel and visitors for residents at end-of-life will be required to complete an infectious disease questionnaire and not present symptoms of illness or a known risk of exposure of *COVID-19* before being permitted to visit.

In addition, communities will cease all community outings and limit group activities within the community. Our intent here is to practice social distancing when and where we can pursuant to the guidance of the CDC.

Please know that we do not take having to implement these measures lightly. We acknowledge that our communities are not nursing homes and, therefore, are not governed by CMS; however, like nursing homes, the elderly population we serve are at greatest risk if exposed to *COVID-19*. The implementation of these measures supports our focus on the health and wellbeing of our residents while supporting federal, state and local efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.

We sincerely appreciate your patience and consideration of our efforts to support the health and wellbeing of residents, tenants, and team members. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your community’s executive director.

Sincerely,



Chris Hyatt, President

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