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A Word from our CEO

We are now in the 9th week of a stay at home order in Southern California. Atherton has been COVID 19 free in both our staff and residents this whole season. We have had certain staff and residents tested when we had appropriate concerns, but all those tests have been negative. We are extremely grateful to the residents, staff, and families for taking this disease very seriously and altering their personal behavior to make sure those around them were safe. We are also extremely grateful for your prayers and support through gifts of PPE or financial donations. We believe that your generosity, prayers, and God's grace have guided us, protected us, and sustained us during this season.

As many of you are aware, the stay at home orders are slowly being lifted. A few weeks ago, Governor Newsom announced a 4-phase approach to "reopening California". For a state as large and diverse as California, it appears that different areas of the state will be allowed to open along different timelines. This means that Atherton will be following the guidelines of Los Angeles county and the LA Department of Public Health. Los Angeles County has been an area which has had a higher number of COVID 19 cases so our opening will be slower than other parts of the state. In addition, because we are a senior community which is most vulnerable in this pandemic, we anticipate that we will be in the later part of the phased opening and not the early part. At this moment, we do not anticipate allowing social dining, small community gatherings, or visitation in Skilled Nursing or Assisted Living until the middle to the end of July. We continue to recommend short doorway drop-offs/visits for our residents in Independent Living.

Atherton is licensed by both the California Department of Public Health and Department of Social Services. They will issue guidelines when visitation is reinstated that we will follow. At present, we do not know what those standards will be, but we will make sure this information is posted so that all people entering our campus are aware of the guidelines.

Finally, let me say "Thank You" to our residents, families, and the community at large for following the stay at home orders. I believe that Atherton has been able to avoid this virus because so many that are involved with our community took the guidelines seriously. Your decisions and actions have helped "bend the curve" and keep our residents safe. It is this kind of community support and care which make Atherton a special and a safe place. We are hopeful that we be able to continue to say Atherton is COVID 19 free in the coming weeks. We are working diligently to keep our residents and employees as safe as possible. We also have plans in place in cases the disease does come to our community so that we will minimize its effects and avoid worst case scenarios. We thank you for your interest and concern for Atherton and we wish you the same protection and safety during these uncertain days.

Please note there is also a video available on YouTube regarding updates. Click on link if interested
<https://youtu.be/ekKwcOovgaM>

In His love and grace,

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