



July 22, 2020

Dear IKF Community:

As we continue to navigate through these unprecedented times, our commitment in keeping the IKF community both safe and informed remain our top priorities. As the US states and local jurisdictions experience spikes and waves of positive coronavirus cases, IKF initiates the most conservative protocols to flatten the spread of the virus.

We have been following Montgomery County in re-opening services and monitoring progress of the county's COVID-19 data benchmarks. The county has been using 10 benchmarks to determine how safely to reopen our cities. In the past week, the number of benchmarks that the county has determined either meeting, or showing substantial progress, has decreased from eight to six benchmarks. The criteria to move forward in re-opening county programs is heading in the wrong direction for the following items.

- Number of new COVID-19 related deaths
- Acute care bed utilization rate
- Number of new confirmed cases
- Number of COVID-19 related emergency room patients

As a result, IKF has made the difficult decision to suspend non-essential visits to the community starting Thursday, July 23, 2020, and until further notice.

- This includes, indoor visitations to Independent Living apartments and outdoors visits with our Assisted Living residents.
 - These programs greatly increase the number of people entering through our two main lobbies and touch points throughout the community.
 - We are identifying opportunities to safely support these programs in the future.
 - IL residents may visit with loved ones off-campus.
 - We will notify the community as soon as we can safely restart these programs.

The resumption of Transportation Services will be postponed until further notice.

- The transportation vehicle is still under repair and will not be completed in time for services to begin on Monday, July 27th.
- We will notify the community as soon as we can resume these services.



Summer Time

- As we experience record breaking heat waves and high temperatures, we want to ensure that you are hydrating and staying cool. Please continue to drink additional fluids on days when you walk and exercise outside.

Virtual Leadership Coffee & Chat

- Our first community coffee and chat with the residents will occur next Wednesday, on July 29, 2020, at 9:30am via zoom. The link has been posted on the Resident Website or you may email Bryan Bennett, Executive Assistant, for a direct Zoom link. Please submit questions in advance to the IKF Hotline email address.

Outpatient Rehabilitation Gym

- A ledge notice about construction was distributed earlier this week. We are creating a therapy gym on the East Side, first floor, of the Fountainside building. This space maybe used for our IL and AL residents when your physician orders Physical, Occupational and/or Speech Therapy Services. Upon completion of the project, we will share more detailed updates with you.

We recognize that these decisions may have a significant impact on the IKF residents and their families. We are doing everything we can to maintain a healthy balance for the livelihood and safety of our entire community. Thank you to all the residents who are diligently committed to keeping our community safe during this pandemic. If you have any questions, please reach out the IKF COVID-19 HOTLINE at (240)-499-0477 or ikfhotline@inglesideonline.org.

We enjoy seeing so many of you throughout our campus, wearing your masks and appropriately social distancing. Our intent is to successfully journey through the pandemic cautiously, wisely and with healthy and happy smiles and demeanors.

Best wishes,

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Executive Director

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