

**TO:** Pine Run Villagers  
**FROM:** Maria Santangelo, Executive Director  
**DATE:** November 20, 2020  
**RE:** **Fall/Winter COVID-19 Surge**



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**Following is an excerpt from Secretary, PA Department of Health Dr. Rachel Levine's November 17, 2020 memo to Pennsylvania hospitals earlier this week:**

*"Since the middle of October, Pennsylvania has seen a steep increase in the number of new COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths. Across the nation, hospitals are becoming 'overwhelmed,' either because overall capacity is maximized, necessary clinical staff are unavailable or there are not enough ICU beds.*

*This second surge of COVID-19 is much larger than the initial spring surge. This will lead to more COVID-19 patients hospitalized than we experienced in the spring.*

*Current national modeling projections indicate that Pennsylvania is at risk of having our health care system become overwhelmed. The national modeling aligns with the Department's assessment that in-person holiday shopping and Thanksgiving will be significant opportunities for spread.*

*Pandemic 'burnout' is real for all Pennsylvanians, and many of our heroic frontline health care workers are understandably suffering from pandemic burnout. Based on the modeling available to us, Pennsylvania will run out of ICU beds in December."*

**Pine Run will adhere to these orders issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Health effective today, Friday, November 20, 2020:**

- ❖ Dr. Levine issued an order requiring anyone who visits from another state to have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to entering Pennsylvania. If someone cannot/chooses not to get a test, they must quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in Pennsylvania.
- ❖ Pennsylvanians visiting other states are required to have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to their return to Pennsylvania OR quarantine for 14 days upon their return to Pennsylvania.
- ❖ Masks are to be worn indoors and outdoors if you are away from your home.
- ❖ When outdoors, masks must be worn if you are not able to maintain social distancing from anyone not in your household the entire time you are outdoors.
- ❖ When indoors, masks will now be required, even if you are physically distant from members not in your household. This means that, even if you are able to be six feet apart, you will need to wear a mask while inside if you are with people other than members of your household.
- ❖ This order applies to every indoor facility, including homes, retail establishments, gyms, doctors' offices, public transportation, and anywhere food is prepared, packaged, or served.

We know you are exhausted and tired of COVID. These are real emotions; it has been a long journey since March. However, if we all adhere to these orders, chances are we will start to contain this virus once again.

Thank you for your kindness toward each other, your generous spirit in reaching out to your neighbors, and your patience as we continue to navigate these unfamiliar waters. Together, we will all sit around the table next year and appreciate the sweetness of doing so.