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Happy Friday everyone!

I have some news to share about Wake Robin and the restrictions for activities. We have and will continue to consult with the Vermont Department of Health, Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL), our healthcare providers and the CDC guidance about everything we are doing to keep you safe.

As we make decisions to loosen up a bit (or in the Governor's words, "open the spigot a bit") we will be looking at:

- Continued COVID cases- trends in Vermont
- Vermont's testing capacity, and therefore our testing capacity on campus
- Treatment advancements and immunity research
- Advisories from our state and regulatory bodies
- Stay at Home Order changes the Governor makes

Starting today, we are allowing the following:

You can now "gather" outside if you follow these requirements.

- Groups of 10 or less
- Continue to maintain the 6-foot distancing
- Always wear a mask
- Gatherings must be kept to outside locations (excludes home porches and patios as we do NOT want guests walking through your residence to get to your porch and porches do not offer enough physical distancing space).
- Your gathering does NOT require ES setup or breakdown
- Your gathering does not have food or drink (like dinners or cocktails outdoors) because masks are required at all times.
- If you have gone off campus for an approved medical need you may not gather with others until you have stayed on campus for 14 days continuously. If you need to review, please call Meagan Buckley.

Some examples:

- Tennis is fine for two-four people once the courts are opened.

- Plein air painting is ok. You are allowed to get painting supplies from the art room (easels, etc.) as long as you return them and disinfect them thoroughly. You can keep your individual supplies in your home to reduce unnecessary trips to the Community Center.
- Small group lawn games are allowed, as long as masked and distancing.
- Outdoor exercise classes of 10 or fewer are fine (distancing and masks still required).
- Music playing outdoors in small, spaced groups or on one of the outside common areas would be lovely!
- Library Take-Out service is now available.
- Limited and controlled gardening has been approved to start this week. Look for more information in today's Written Cup. For those residents who are interested in ordering plants from nurseries, the administration is working with the gardening committee to find one or more nurseries where we can order plants and pay individually. As of this morning, we think we have found two nurseries that can meet our criteria. We hope to have group deliveries in May. Finding nurseries has been quite challenging, because the whole situation is new and the nurseries have only a skeleton staff. By next week, we hope to have a plan in place to share with you. Thanks for being patient and understanding.

We are asking that each of you also take responsibility for looking at these guidelines and determining if the activity you are envisioning fits within these. Meagan and I do not want to have to approve every idea you have (or not!). If not sure, ask a friend or neighbor!

We have met with all the WRRRA Committee chairs to explain these new allowances and to ask that they begin organizing some activities that will both meet these guidelines and allow for some additional enrichment for you. I expect that they will be announcing some opportunities very soon. Be on the lookout for those.

And, in "the more things change, the more they stay the same" vein...

In the "stay the same" category, what has NOT changed yet is:

- Continued on-campus only restriction. You will not be allowed visitors and you are asked not to leave campus. This includes biking and walking at Meach Cove.
- Security will remain at the end of Wake Robin Drive monitoring traffic in and out of campus and collecting deliveries.

- Community Center is still not open at this time. This includes meeting rooms, fitness center, pool, art, woodworking, salon. Housekeeping continues to be on hiatus for the moment.
- No use by Independent Living residents of Linden outdoor shared spaces at this time. We want to keep those isolated for Linden residents only.
- Library and Gift Shop remain closed.

We will continue to look at these weekly and determine if, because of changes in the data, Stay at Home order, etc. there is an opportunity to loosen these restrictions. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

A few other announcements:

- Attached is next week's Happenings calendar.
- Route 7 Liquor will deliver beer, wine, and spirits to campus for deliveries to your home on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call Meagan (not our Meagan Buckley) at 985-3332 Monday through Friday between 9:00am and 11:00am to place your orders.

Have a nice weekend everyone. Tomorrow is supposed to be glorious! Get outside (in masks of course!) and enjoy.

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