

April 16th, 2021

Dear Eskaton Friends & Family,

We are well into April and as signs of spring emerge, we see the emerging of life returning to a more normal rhythm. You may have noticed increased cars on the roads, increased people in public spaces, and children returning to school. All of these are hopeful signs for us as well. California's positivity rate is currently at 1.5%. Counties continue to move from a higher tier to a lower tier as infection rates drop and vaccine rates increase. We have also heard hopeful news from the Governor's office that the state will be reopening June 15th.

Our communities are also opening as we welcome visitors to our communities while still adhering to our COVID-19 guidelines. Group activities and social dining are returning with appropriate safe guards such as social distancing, face coverings for residents, and appropriate hand hygiene. We are so grateful to witness the ongoing opening of activities for our residents. We continue to watch for guidance from our regulatory agencies on how and when to further expand activities, outings and visits.

In our vaccination program, we have increased our rates of individuals vaccinated. Currently, there are approximately 86% of residents and 64% of staff who are fully vaccinated.

This is tremendous progress towards keeping COVID out of our communities. As of today, we do not have any staff or residents in the 10-day isolation window. This is great news and directly related to vaccinations and continued adherence to infection prevention guidelines. Thank you all for supporting these efforts!

We are thankful for ALL of our dedicated staff who have endured this past year with resilience and ingenuity. They truly make Eskaton a *Great Place* to live and work. We are thankful also for our residents and families who have continued to provide support and communication to their loved ones and the staff who care for them.

As the state moves forward on the path of opening, we will continue to practice the safe protocols that have gotten us this far: hand hygiene, face coverings, social distancing and avoiding large gatherings. When we receive more guidance from the CDC and the public health departments we are committed to communicate new information to you.

With appreciation,

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