

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 23, 2020
To: MSAG Residents
From: Maureen Beith, CEO
RE: COVID-19 Update

As mentioned in today's News of the Week, we will have a Chat this Wednesday, March 25th at 11:00 am to be broadcast over Channel 8. Please send questions and topics you would like to be covered. In advance of that, there are a few items of importance to convey, based on questions, ideas, etc that emerged over the weekend:

- The importance of social distancing continues to be a key in preventing the spread of coronavirus. Every expert indicates that this is so. If what the CDC is saying is correct, the next two weeks will be pivotal in the course of this pandemic in the U.S. We should be finding ways we can FURTHER distance ourselves from one another, rather than finding ways we can “get around” the mandates. The goal at this point is to bring extreme limits to the number of people you are in contact with. This is the reason that we are limiting maintenance and IT service calls to urgent matters only. This is the reason we are strongly recommending refraining from shopping trips, and postponing non-urgent medical appointments. These are unusual times—times in which we ALL need to redefine what is a need and what is a want.
- That being said, we are attempting to develop a coordinated effort for shopping with a local grocery store, where we combine individual orders into one bulk order, and our van transportation picks up and delivers outside your door. Stay tuned. Another possibility is having a family member or friend shop for you, and leave the items at your door.
- The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health delivered a rationing of medical masks to us on Sunday, fortifying our supply to some extent. We continue to be grateful to those who are sewing an additional supply!
- Keep checking Channel 6 for announcements and Channel 8 for a growing body of interesting programs. Creative juices are churning as new content is being produced. And many thanks to Joe Kelly for keeping us supplied with great movies!
- Regrettably, as of today, the Wellness Center will be closed temporarily for all but outpatient physical therapy with a physician prescription.