



To: Arbor Acres Residents, Families and Artists
From: Andrew Applegate, President/CEO
RE: Governor Cooper's Executive Order
Date: March 26, 2021

It is hard to imagine that a month ago two of my greatest concerns were holding the line on visitation in our licensed areas and wondering when our run of positive COVID-19 tests was going to end. Fast forwarding a few weeks, we continue our streak of negative tests and we are more open than we have been in a year. Now we are combing through recent Executive Orders to understand how we live life at Arbor Acres in what we hope will be a “post-pandemic” world.

As I stated a couple months ago, the doors to Arbor Acres slammed shut and daily life radically changed in a matter of hours in March 2020, but returning to normal will be a slower process. A year ago, we were motivated by fear of the unknown. Today, we are motivated by hope and by tentative confidence that things are moving in the right direction. My team and I are in the process of reviewing operations throughout the community and working to identify how the recent Executive Orders impact nearly every area of our life together. We are also anticipating what is next so that decisions we make in the next week or so dovetail with guidance we will receive when the next set of orders are issued.

As we review the governor's Executive Orders, we are seeking to balance the hope they offer with a measured and thoughtful response that takes the unique setting of Arbor Acres into account. We will continue to do that in partnership with our resident council leadership, staff leadership and board of directors. These relationships have been our key to managing the crisis and will continue to be vital moving forward.

In the meantime, enjoy the relaxing of the restrictions, the ability to be in one another's presence, and the hope that the season of spring brings.