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Legacy Senior Living Welcomes National Guard Infection-Control Team to all Georgia Facilities

Legacy Senior Living is scheduling an infection control team to visit all Legacy facilities in Georgia. As per CDC guidelines, Legacy Senior Living is continuing to restrict access by all visitors at this time

CLEVELAND, Tenn. (April 14, 2020) – As a precautionary step, the Georgia National Guard is providing the services of an infection-control team to all senior living facilities in the state. Legacy Senior Living welcomes this important service to all communities located in the state of Georgia. This service is being provided to senior living facilities across the state in an effort to control the spread of COVID-19.

This week, the Georgia National Guard completed infection control measures at Legacy Village of Tifton, located in Tifton, Ga. Legacy Senior Living is scheduling infection-control team visits for its four other Georgia facilities later this week:

- *Grace Senior Living of Douglasville - Douglasville, Ga.*
- *Renaissance Marquis - Rome, Ga.*
- *Legacy Village at Park Regency - Moultrie, Ga.*
- *Legacy Village at Plantation Manor - Thomasville, Ga.*

“We are thankful for the National Guard’s service to our residents. Out of an abundance of precaution for everyone in our facility, we are taking advantage of the Georgia National Guard’s new disinfectant services for senior living and nursing home facilities across the state as a safeguard to protect all residents and caregivers,” said Janie Whitley, executive director of Legacy Village of Tifton.

Two weeks ago Governor Brian P. Kemp and Georgia National Guard Adjutant General Tom Carden announced plans to activate and deploy special National Guard teams to provide disinfection and enhanced sanitation services to senior living facilities and nursing homes. The teams use a disinfectant process which incorporates a solution approved by the EPA, following protocols of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the state health department. These processes have already been used to safely disinfect several state facilities.

“Since late February when the COVID-19 threat was made public, Legacy Village of Tifton has been taking extraordinary and unprecedented precautions to protect residents, keep team members healthy, and limit unnecessary access to our facility; which we believe has significantly limited the opportunity for exposure. All staff continue to follow proper infection control protocols,” said Whitley.

Preparations and Training across All 14 Sister Facilities

Legacy Senior Living has trained its staff on all relevant policies, which have been implemented throughout the company’s 14 senior living facilities. Those measures include daily reviewing changing conditions or the presence of respiratory illness in those communities on every shift. Staff also participate in calls with government and healthcare partners to understand the latest updates and current information related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additional information will be posted at www.legacysl.net/coronavirus. More information is available by contacting Legacy Senior Living, (423) 478-8071.

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Caption 1: Faith Williamson, Legacy Village of Tifton resident, enjoys a hug from a member of the Georgia National Guard as he prepares to clean the community.



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