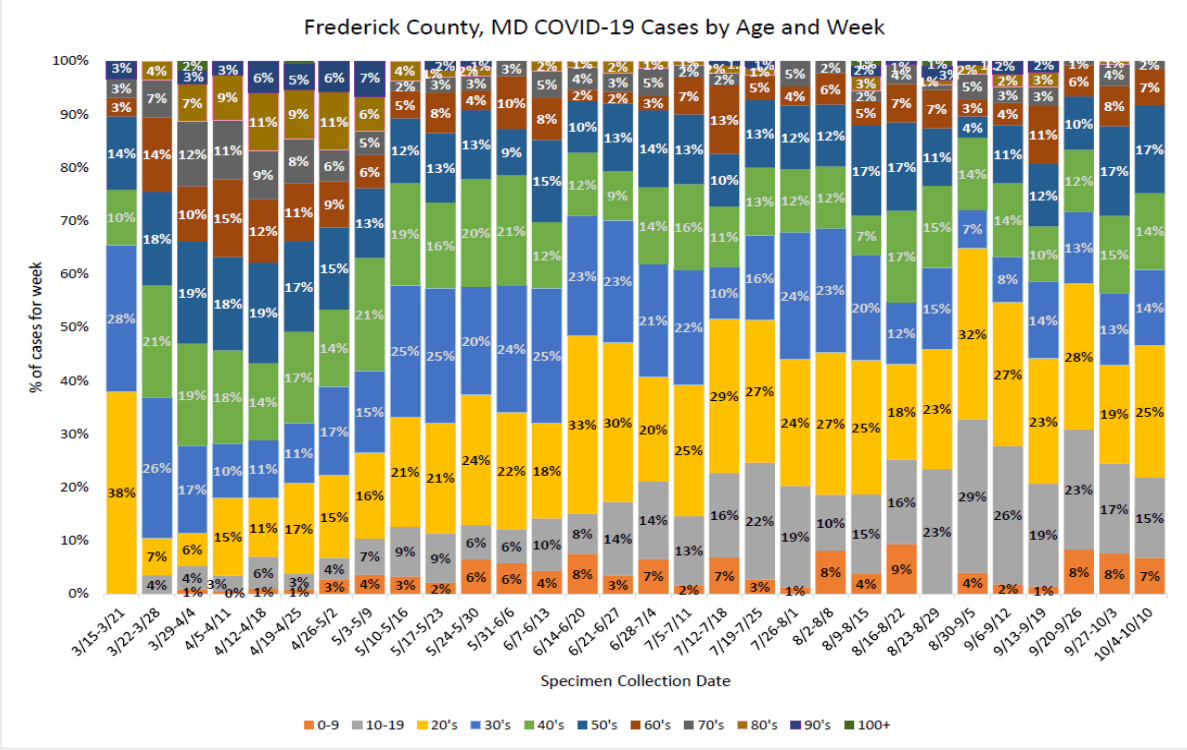
October 16, 2020

Dear Resident, Family Member and Staff:

It is hard to believe this is the middle of October already and we need to begin thinking about the next few months and holidays. I have spoken to several families already about when AL Residents can or should leave the building. We continue to take small forward steps while maintaining safety and health for everyone for visitation. Non-medical trips outside the AL building for Residents are not being approved at this time.

Edenton is handling the increased inside visitation schedules well. I remain concerned about how we can all ensure pandemic procedures outside of our buildings and campus for all Residents. We all would like to enjoy the upcoming holidays and family traditions but 2020 is a year unlike any other.

I share Frederick County's results with you from the week ending 10-10. The chart reflects that



92% of positive cases are persons 60 years and younger and of them 47% are under the age of 29. Children, young adults, and their parents are currently the persons most impacted by COVID-19. The Frederick County Health Dept announced that by using contract tracing, over 50% of these cases are contracted from high risk locations/activities – inside restaurants, sports activity and family events like funerals and weddings. If we begin having family members gather with grandparents and great grandparents over holiday and other family gatherings, this chart could change dramatically if our seniors are exposed and contract this virus.

When one of our Residents is determined to be exposed, we must consider the space and time of that exposure. If the Resident is then in contact with other Residents, this presents a quarantine situation for all involved for 14 days. We must avoid this domino affect and protect as many people as possible.

Please give serious thought as to how you and your family will help keep seniors healthy during this continued pandemic as we approach the holidays and the winter months.

This week, Edenton expanded the number of IL Residents who can attend meals in the dining room to a maximum of 30. Tables remain separated with only two per table. Residents who are not following the masking mandate or exhibit any health concerns will be requested to leave the dining room for the safely of all. If you have any questions about dining services, delivery or pick up of meals please ask any staff member.

This coming week, Edenton will consider how and when we will offer scheduled trips to Walmart and other shopping locations (mall, Boscov's etc.) beginning in November. Other activities that have increased participation numbers will be noted on the activity calendar. Reservations still apply for attendance so that we can maintain lists if needed for contract tracing purposes.

Currently, the exercise room at Orchard Terrace is still not open for IL Residents to access. When we take the next steps for scheduled family visits to Residents in that building, we will provide a plan for IL Resident use of the exercise equipment.

Thank you for your patience and support as we continue to navigate this pandemic, the upcoming flu season and follow the guidance issued by the state and local authorities. Our Staff are doing an amazing job and are providing excellent care for the Residents daily.

As always, if I can answer any questions or provide you with information, please reach out to me or another member of our team at any time.

Regards,

RaeAnn Butler, Administrator