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Dear Property Manager,

All Alexandrians must be vigilant and act now to protect our community from COVID-19 coronavirus spread. Alexandria Health Department (AHD) strongly urges everyone to take key steps like staying home except for essential trips such as food purchases and medical care.

You have likely already taken action to reduce the risk of COVID-19 in your residents. The following guidance can strengthen your efforts and keep our community safe.

- All fitness centers must close for at least 30 days in accordance with the Governor’s 3/23 mandate.
- All clubrooms, game rooms, and business centers must close for at least 30 days in accordance with the Governor’s 3/23 mandate.
- AHD recommends closing all playgrounds and play equipment for at least 30 days.
- Post signs reminding residents to use proper hand hygiene and social distancing measures.
- Encourage residents who are over 65 or who have other health conditions that put them at higher risk for COVID-19 complications (pregnancy, heart disease, compromised immune system, etc.) to stay home as much as possible.
- Encourage residents to stay home when ill, wash their hands, and stay 6 feet apart from others.

For information on cleaning, disinfection and other proactive measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, visit alexandriava.gov/Coronavirus or call the COVID-19 Information Line at 703.746.4988, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thanks for keeping Alexandria safe,

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