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ATLAS SENIOR LIVING COMPANY ONE OF FIRST SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES IN THE U.S. TO PERFORM COVID-19 TESTING

BIRMINGHAM, AL (March 24, 2020) – Atlas Senior Living and Assurance Scientific Laboratories are partnering together for all Atlas communities to receive coronavirus (COVID-19) test kits. This makes Atlas one of the first senior living companies nationwide to offer COVID-19 testing to their residents.

Assurance Scientific Laboratories (Assurance Labs) was one of the first labs in the country approved by the FDA to perform COVID-19 testing. Atlas will begin providing test kits to all its communities this week in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina, and Tennessee. With Atlas' capability of testing inside their communities, new admissions, residents, and employees can be tested on-site and avoid high-risk environments such as hospitals and clinics. For seniors, particularly, there is a huge advantage to being tested while staying inside of the community. In addition, unlike other senior living communities, Atlas will be able to accept new residents on the condition that they are tested and receive a negative result for COVID-19.

"During this time when all of America is experiencing the effects of this virus, our partnership with Assurance Labs is vital to us as a senior living company," said Scott Goldberg, President and CEO of Atlas. "We are able to maintain the health of our residents and associates and keep them in a low-risk, contained environment, and we are grateful for that capability with Assurance Labs."

"It is a priority that this vulnerable population has access to appropriate testing to ensure their safety," said Chad Austin M.D., co-owner of Assurance Labs. "We are proud to partner with Atlas and appreciate their diligence in providing optimal care during these unprecedented times."

New procedures and policies will be implemented in the coming days within Atlas' organization.

About Atlas Senior Living

Birmingham-based [Atlas Senior Living](#) owns and/or operates 24 retirement communities in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina, and Tennessee, offering independent living, assisted living and memory care services.

About Assurance Scientific Laboratories

Assurance Scientific Laboratories is a highly complex R&D reference lab that develops and provides rapid diagnostic services for clinicians, hospitals, and other reference labs. We specialize in molecular and microbiologic technologies. They currently offer testing for over 100 different pathogens, which cause respiratory infections, urinary tract infections, sexually transmitted infections, vaginitis, skin infections, and gastrointestinal infections. Learn more at assurancescientificlabs.com or call 855.319.4459.

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