



## Alexandria Knolls West Condominium

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### Coronavirus Update #5

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**Dear Neighbors:** This is an update on the Association's response to the COVID-19 situation. Here's what's new and what you need to know:

**WIPES THIEF IDENTIFIED:** This morning an employee of our waste management company was witnessed on surveillance video stealing the entire canister of wipes placed for residents' use. Serena Richardson—our new Assistant Manager—located security footage of the person in the act, thanks to a tip from José. The Alexandria Police Department was summoned and a report is open. Justin will call the vendor tomorrow to convey this information to them and to tell them that this specific employee of theirs is forbidden from returning to our property. Unscrupulous thieves are not welcome at AKW and we prosecute them!

**FITNESS CENTERS:** We have decided that the fitness centers will be closed starting tomorrow—Monday—morning at 9AM. The decision was not taken lightly because we view the fitness center as an important outlet in these trying times but the risk of spreading the coronavirus is too great to continue with business-as-usual.

**HELPING HANDS:** Our neighbor Brian Block has stepped forward to offer to coordinate requests for help and match those with neighbors who may be able to lend assistance to those in high-risk groups who are sheltering in place. Reach out to Brian with your offers of—or requests for—assistance. Here is his contact information: Brian@BrianBlock.com, phone 703-626-0715.

**REMEMBER YOUR NEIGHBORS:** Continuing on the topic above, please make time to be in touch with your neighbors. A lot of folks are pretty concerned these days and an email, text message, or telephone call sure can brighten the day of the recipient!

**WATCH WHAT YOU FLUSH:** A neighbor tipped us to concerns about people flushing anti-bacterial wipes—Clorox, Purell, Wet Ones, etc.—down the toilet. The same is true for paper towels. These products are mostly synthetic fibers, not biodegradable, not intended to go down the sewer pipes and can cause clogs. These days the last thing we need is stopped up pipes, so please throw those in the trash, not into the toilet bowl. Thanks for being considerate.

**DON'T GET SCAMMED:** The Federal Trade Commission is reporting scams related to the Coronavirus. Be informed so you don't get scammed. Here's a link to the FTC's guidance, which we're also putting on our AKW Virus Resource Page: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/coronavirus-scams-what-ftc-doing>.

**FOR SMOKERS:** On an unrelated matter, a neighbor asked that we remind you that AKW policy requires outdoor smoking be 25 feet from the building, which includes the North and South Entrances. Thanks for your consideration.

Finally, I want to stress to you again to maintain a distance of AT LEAST SIX FEET from neighbors not in your household. To facilitate that, do not share the elevator with those not in your household. Unfortunately the chances that we will have cases of COVID-19 here at AKW are very high. So, get in the habit of protecting yourself and protecting your neighbors. When your neighbor asks you to get the next elevator they are offering you a kind courtesy and certainly not an insult.

You can follow the full AKW response at our Alerts page at [www.akwcondo.com/alerts](http://www.akwcondo.com/alerts).

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