

To: **Dunwoody Village Residents, Families and Staff**

From: **Kathy Barton, Director of Operations**
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Re: **CONTINUED UPDATE RE: COVID-19**



March 16, 2021

Care Center Updates:

County Positivity Rate:

Delaware County's Covid-19 Positivity Rate is below 10% and stands currently at 5.6% as of 3/8/21. The number of cases in Delaware County continues to decline, but the decline continues to be extremely gradual. Delaware County is in a "yellow-level" of risk because the positivity rate is now below 10%, but above the 5% threshold to move Delaware County to a "green-level.". The number of cases being seen in area hospitals is flat.

Testing: All residents and Care Center staff are now tested once a week as of February 15, 2021. If Delaware County's positivity rate drops below 5%, we will move to monthly testing.

Covid-19 Vaccine:

All long-term Care Center residents in the skilled center and all personal care residents have been vaccinated with their second dose. We are working to develop plans to provide vaccines in an on-going manner through our pharmacy for short-term rehab residents, new independent-living residents and those employees not yet vaccinated who make the decision to get vaccinated. Vaccine supplies continue to improve slowly.

Care Center Visitation

New guidance came out from the Department of Health and Human Services Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services late on March 10, 2021. We are revising the visitation policy to reflect the new regulatory guidance, including new Medical Director guidance related to the regulatory changes. We will work quickly to communicate the changes to our resident and family members. Until the changes are announced please continue to follow previously provided guidance for visitation:

To schedule a visit, please contact Jennifer Barrall at 610-359-4503 or jbarrall@dunwoody.org. Please keep in mind that if we have a new resident positive test or a new employee positive test visitation will again be further restricted.

Residential Updates:

Phase I Reopening Plan for Residential Living Residents:

A memo outlining the Phase 1 Reopening Plan for all double vaccinated residential living residents is attached. A resident is considered fully vaccinated if it is two or more weeks since the resident received his or her second dose of the vaccine.

SmartNotice Database:

If you would like to have your e-mail address added to our list for SmartNotice Announcements, please contact Pat Richardson at 610-359-4415 or 4417 or e-mail at prichardson@dunwoody.org.

Construction Update:

Warfel expects to finish the storm Sewer this week. Loud noise from inside the building is due to the interior demo and floor cutting. Stair tower 5 will be built over the next few weeks. Yesterday, Transformer D, which powers part of the apartment building, was moved away from the building to a temporary location. A new transformer will be purchased to replace the old one. A big thank you to all the residents that had to deal with the power outage yesterday. We know this was a huge inconvenience for many of you and we thank you for your patience!

Movie Suggestions for Channel 1970:

If you have a particular movie you would like to see or are interested in participating in selecting the movies shown on 1970, please contact Tom Devlin, J-301, by mail, phone (484-427-7922) or e-mail tmdevlin22@comcast.net.

Lecture:

On Thursday, March 18th at 2:00 p.m., Norma Winther will give a lecture on pandemics in history, based on the book: "A Brief History of Influenza, The Plaque, Cholera, and other Infectious Diseases That Have Changed the World; How They Started, How They Ended, and the Lessons learned by Humanity"

Current Event Change:

The Current Events lecture on the "Korean Peninsula" originally scheduled for March 16th will now be held on March 22nd at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Gift Shop Hours:

The Gift Shop is now open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. A maximum of 3 persons are permitted at any one time. Masks must be properly worn. Cash, check, or on-account are acceptable payment.

Memo Change:

Memo updates are currently provided once a week, on Tuesdays. On Fridays we will send the 1970 schedule and letter from the DVRA President.

We have been informed that one of our former massage therapists, Jeannette Flink, passed away on March 8th. Jeannette was known by many of our residents and will be greatly missed.



DUNWOODY VILLAGE

Phase 1 - COVID Reopening Plan – as of 3/18/21

Now that the majority of the residents have been vaccinated, the following is our Phase 1 of our reopening plan for our independent living campus. We will not be opening everything up at once as we believe caution is still needed. We will move to the next phase in a week or two when we are comfortable that everything is going well. Your cooperation will help us to speed things along!

For all Double Vaccinated Residents:

1. IL residents are able to visit other levels of care – Please wear a mask and stay socially distanced.
2. You may visit unmasked with **fully vaccinated** residents in your apartment. We suggest no more than 4 people at a time - and outside visits are preferable. Please be sure to have appropriate air flow
3. If you wish to visit with family or friends from outside our community, please do this outside masked and socially distanced or make an appointment with Sally or Kayla to use the board room or club room (610-359-4425).
4. You may visit other residents in the common areas in the hallways with up to 6 people at a time, masked and socially distanced in Phase 1.
5. Small resident groups are allowed in the club room and board room, up to 10 people at a time, masked and socially distanced in Phase 1.
6. The game room may have up to 6 residents at any time, masked in phase 1.
7. The exercise room will not change in Phase 1 – 2 people at one time. Unmasked when working out. The pool will increase to 3 residents per hour, and the showers will not be available – although you can use the changing room.
8. If you are sent to the hospital (or ER) or go to another state, you will no longer need to quarantine, unless you develop symptoms, which should be reported to Health and Wellness promptly. If you are not fully vaccinated (shots and 2 weeks post), you will need to quarantine.

We do ask that you wear your mask in the hallways during Phase 1. We do still have staff and residents not fully vaccinated. As of now, we do not have guidance on large group activities, such as communal dining. As soon as we have more information, we will address these larger activities.

As the weather starts to improve, we will set up the social circles outside and also look to bring outside Yoga and Tai Chi back. Meeting outside is always preferable to inside. We are very happy that we can start to open the community up for the residents and keep everyone safe in the meantime. Please remain diligent in protecting the safety of the whole community – we are **Dunwoody Strong!**