

April 5, 2024

Dear Residents, Families and Staff:

Dunwoody Village is celebrating the 100 Year Anniversary of the Dunwoody Home and the 50 Year Anniversary of Dunwoody Village. As we remember our past and honor our founder, William Hood Dunwoody, we look to the future with enthusiasm.

As we envision our next 100 years of service and care for our community, we are taking time to review our Mission, Vision and Values. In the spirit of "One Dunwoody," we are engaging resident, board, staff and family stakeholders. Some will be invited to be interviewers and some will be invited to be interviewees. Next week we will hold a Mission, Vision and Values Summit to train interviewers in the process of Appreciative Inquiry. They will first interview each other and will then interview over 100 members of our Dunwoody Village community during the subsequent 2-week period. This group will reconvene to review the themes that were heard in the interviews. These themes will be considered as the Mission, Vision and Values are reviewed. This group will also make recommendations regarding updating the same.

The mission of Dunwoody Village is to provide a welcoming and compassionate community with distinctive residential and healthcare services that promote wellness, dignity, and respect, for our residents and home-based clients.

The vision for Dunwoody Village is to be the community of choice for residents, their families and employees.

Our core values include Teamwork, Respect, Integrity, Compassion, and Quality.

We are energized and enthusiastic to begin this work and reaffirm our Mission, Vision and Values as we move into the future.

COVID

Booster Reservation

For those residents who will have registered, Phoebe pharmacy will be distributing the COVID booster here at Dunwoody on April 23rd in the Health & Wellness Center. We will need to know in advance if you would like to receive a dose. The pharmacy needs a number in advance, and our deadline to turn in our order is April 12, 2024. The COVID vaccines are not free like they were previously and not returnable. The pharmacy reports that Medicare and secondary insurances have been covering the vaccine and only reject payment when the guidelines on timing listed below have not been followed. **Please respond to Kayla's Touchtown message or call the Health And Wellness Center Monday through Friday between 8am-4pm (610-359-4417) and speak to Sharon or Pat by 10am on 4/12/24 if you would like to reserve yourself a vaccine.** Sharon and Pat will be keeping track of our numbers so please do not call during the evening or on the weekend. We will be sending out a schedule of slotted times in the future when we know how many will be expected.

Guidelines

The CDC's most recent message is that anyone 65 or older should get a 2nd COVID booster this spring to provide the best protection. Guidelines are that it must be 4 months since your last dose or 3 months after a Covid infection. We had our last COVID clinic day at Dunwoody on October 4, 2023.

Update

We currently have one positive COVID case in Residential and two positive cases in the Care Center. No staff members have tested positive at this time.

Mail-In Ballots for the Primary Election

A number of residents have been inquiring about mail-in ballots. Carolyn Treadway contacted the Delaware County Bureau of Elections to find out why no one has yet received the mail-in ballots for which they applied. The Bureau of Elections reported that none of the ballots were going to be mailed until Friday, April 5th. If you previously applied for a mail-in ballot, you should expect to receive it sometime next week or soon after. Your completed Vote by Mail Ballot must be received by the Bureau of Elections no later than 8:00 pm on Election Day – Tuesday, April 23rd.

Best regards,
Maureen