

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

From: **Kathy Barton, Director of Operations**
Brandon Jolly, Director of Health Services

Re: **CONTINUED UPDATE RE. COVID-19**



April 17, 2020

General Update

Update: updates are bolded

Residential living -	1 case on Campus – Retested to be cleared 1 case at Hospital – Died 4/2/20 **
Skilled Nursing -	2 cases on Campus – Recovering 1 case on Campus – Died 4/17/20 ** 1 case at Hospital – Died 4/14/20 **
	Personal Care - 0 cases
DV Employees -	5 cases – self-isolated at home * 1 case – returned to work 4/16/20
DAH Employees-	2 cases – self-isolated at home *

- * - I had the count of employees incorrect. I reported 8 cases total – 5 at Dunwoody Village and 2 at Dunwoody at Home. One employee who tested positive has recovered and started back to work 4/16/20.
- ** - We have had 3 deaths that were exacerbated by COVID-19 – the first of which I reported in my April 3, 2020 update, and the other 2 of which occurred this week. I have included them all in this update.

I have had some questions about what we are doing to ensure the staff don't bring the COVID-19 to Dunwoody. As you have all heard by now, they are learning more and more about this virus and how it is transmitted. It is extremely contagious. The following list is the different things that are being done by staff and residents to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

1. We are following at the protocols on the CDC website – our staff educator checks it daily for any updates to implement.
2. We report our cases to 2 different departments of the Department of Health, the Ombudsman, Main line Health, PSRA, and soon will report directly to the CDC.
3. All staff fill out a symptom check and get temperatures taken at the beginning and end of each shift.
4. Hand sanitizer is required before an employee can leave the check in area.

5. Repeated hand washing is encouraged daily.
6. Masks are given to the employee as they check in and are to be worn at all times - except for eating.
7. We ask the staff to practice social distancing from each other. We have only one chair per table in the breakroom and the tables are 6 feet apart.
8. We require appropriate Personal Protective Equipment and have trained staff on proper usage. As of now we have plenty for the staff to use.
9. For people that are Positive for COVID-19 in the care center (3 cases) we have baby monitors with tv screens to communicate with the resident so that we do not enter their rooms more than necessary.
10. All residents in the care center are having their vitals taken 2 times a day (this is for skilled and personal care).
11. All common areas are cleaned multiple times a day – handrails, door knobs, nursing stations, etc.....
12. We have started using telemedicine where it makes sense.
13. For dining, we are keeping track of what employees are going to what section to deliver food, so if we hear that someone is not wearing masks or gloves, we are able to trace it back to the individual. They will be counseled and if not following the rules, will be taken off the schedule.
14. Residents in the care center are being socially distanced. The activities department has been doing more one-on-one activities, exercise in the doorways, and we have a wonderful facetime program so they can see and talk to their families.

Information for Care Center Residents and Families

We have had questions about whether we could test all staff and residents in the care center. Brandon Jolly is looking into this possibility, but as contagious as this is, you could be tested negative one day and positive the next. We will wait to see what Brandon finds out.

Information for Independent Residents Please report any symptoms of fever with sore throat, congestion, and cough to Health & Wellness.

Please note that the Grocery Price for Tide is \$14 – not \$15.

If you have received a letter and confirmation code to fill out the 2020 census please follow the directions in the letter to complete your 2020 census questions online. If you do not have computer access please call the designated census phone number to complete your questions over the phone at 1-844-330-2020. If you need assistance or have questions please call Erin Price at 610-707-4898.

Updates will continue to be provided as necessary and are posted on our website: www.dunwoody.org if your family is interested in following this information.