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 27, 2020**

### **General Update**

Update: updates are bolded

Residential living – 1 case on Campus – Retested to be cleared

1 new case on Campus – under quarantine at home

Skilled Nursing - 0 cases Personal Care - 0 cases

DV Employees - 6 cases – self-isolated at home
DAH Employees- 2 cases – self-isolated at home
COVID related deaths as of 4/27/20 – 5 deaths

Sadly, we lost a resident in the Skilled care center on Saturday Evening (4/25/20). We currently have no cases in the Care Center. We have 2 residential residents – one in the E-300 section and one in Penrose. We also had a Nursing staff member test positive on 4/26/20.

A family member e-mailed me with some good questions that I would like to answer for everyone.

- 1. If someone is seen by the Medical team at Dunwoody, the Doctors have a responsibility to let Health and Wellness know. The person that was tested does not have a doctor at Dunwoody so the only way we would know is if the resident tells us. We have a very cohesive system with our Medical Doctors and they inform us immediately if they feel someone needs to be tested and Dunwoody staff get the testing completed for the resident.
- 2. Are we contact tracing when a new case is found? When we have a new case, we speak to the resident to find out who they have come into contact with over the last 7 days. They are notified and we have a list of people that we call daily to check for signs and symptoms for 14 days. If they start to show any signs, they are quarantined. If it is a resident they are tested, if it is an employee they are instructed to follow up with their doctor for testing. Our Infection control nurse oversees this process with our Medical Director. The employees can not return to work until our medical director clears them.

Please know that we are working very hard to keep the virus away from Dunwoody. We are cleaning common areas much more frequently, we are testing residents as soon as they show signs or symptoms, we established elevated Personal Protective Equipment for suspected

cases before testing is complete, and we are reeducating staff on proper infection control measures daily. We also encourage staff not to come to work if they are not feeling well. When we deliver food, the staff use Masks and gloves and they leave the bag and ring the doorbell – no contact.

#### **Information for Care Center Residents and Families**

<u>Information for Independent Residents</u> Please report any symptoms of fever with sore throat, congestion, and cough to Health & Wellness. If you do not use a Dunwoody doctor, please let us know <u>immediately</u> if you are being tested or have tested positive.

## Menus are due back on Wednesday, April 29th. Please give them to the mailman!

Updates will continue to be provided as necessary and are posted on our website: <a href="https://www.dunwoody.org">www.dunwoody.org</a> if your family is interested in following this information.

#### PLEASE EXERCISE VIGILANCE WITH HAND WASHING!

We understand that these circumstances are difficult and appreciate your cooperation.