

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**



October 20, 2020

General Updates:

Mail-In and Absentee Ballots:

All information provided is as posted on the Delco website: www.delcopa.gov.

If you have received your mail-in ballot and are voting by mail, you are urged to mail your ballot as soon as possible. Your mail-in or absentee ballot must be postmarked by November 3, 2020.

Ballot drop boxes will begin accepting ballots on Tuesday, October 20, by 10:00 a.m. and ballots can then be dropped off 24/7 through Election Day (Tuesday, November 3rd) at 8:00 p.m. Drop boxes nearest to Dunwoody are:

- Edgmont Township Building, 1000 Gradyville Road, Edgmont, PA 19073
- Haverford Administration Building, 1014 Darby Road, Havertown, PA 19083
- Marple Public Library, 227 S. Sproul Road, Broomall, PA 19008
- Media Borough Hall, 301 N. Jackson Street, Media, PA 19063
- Radnor Township Building, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087
- Upper Providence District Court Building, 935 N. Providence Road, Media, PA 19063

After 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 20th drop-boxes will be available 24/7 and will be under camera surveillance. An inspector may be present at certain hours. Unless you have officially designated an authorized agent, you MUST deliver your own ballot. Mail-in or absentee ballots may also be returned to the Delaware County Bureau of Elections, the Media Government Center, 201 W. Front Street, Media, PA 19063.

If you change your mind about a mail-in or absentee ballot and decide to vote in person: you MUST bring your ballot in its mailing envelope with you on November 3rd and inform the poll worker that you would like to spoil your ballot and vote in-person instead, and surrender it to your Judge of Elections. You can then cast a regular in-person ballot. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE YOUR MAIL-IN BALLOT TO SURRENDER AT YOUR POLLING PLACE, YOU MAY CAST A PROVISIONAL BALLOT. This will be counted ONLY if the Bureau of Elections does not receive the mail-in/absentee ballot that was sent to you.

Care Center Updates:

COVID-19 Testing:

Week of Monday 10/12 – 10/16: All Care Center residents tested negative. Of the 305 staff members tested, 304 were negative. The one positive is being monitored and in isolation at home. On Monday, October 19th, we again began testing all Care Center residents and staff. We will keep you updated as results are received.

In accordance with the Department of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements:

Care Center regulations and visitation will remain at Phase I Reopening (as posted to our website on Friday, September 25, 2020) until all staff and residents continue to test negative for a 14-day period. We will test on a weekly basis until there is a 14-day window where there are no positive results.

Residential Updates:

Garden Notes:

Mrs. Dolores Broberg reports that the garden has two very productive rosemary bushes. The bushes look like small Christmas trees and have been offered for sale as such. Our bushes have lots of other good uses:

Health: a natural anti-aging oxidant, which retards aging brown spots, and is also an anti-inflammatory agent, which can boost your immune system function and help relieve muscle and joint pain.

Environment: It is an air freshener and ward off mosquitoes (probably numbs their ability to smell you).

How to reap its benefits: Eat it – rosemary has a strong flavor raw, but when braised in good olive oil before putting it on your eggs, veggies, or meats, it forms a platform which supports the other flavors in your dish. Poke a sprig into a container of vinegar or oil for use later (as a hostess gift). Smell it – It is a favored scent in aroma therapy. Hang it -- Make a sachet by putting it into one of those gauze bags sold for holding loose tea. Prepare it for use by bundling the sprigs with a twisty and hang it from a cabinet knob to dry. You can strip the twigs, put the leaves in a baggie, and freeze it for future use.

Technology Helpdesk:

We have created a Technology Helpdesk to assist residents with their needs. Kayla McFadden, Marketing, is the point person. Call Kayla at 610-723-4601 or email her at kmcfadden@dunwoody.org to log an issue. She will track the issue and assign it to a team member, depending on the issue. Kayla will follow up to be sure the issue is handled and close the ticket. Please note that Kayla is not necessarily the one to fix the problem, but she will keep track and get it assigned to the right person.

Masks:

Properly fitted masks must cover both the nose and mouth. If your mask is not properly fitted, it provides no protection for you or others! Clean cloth masks on a daily basis and do not wash disposable masks.

Visitation, Including *Essential Services*:

Please remember that ANY and ALL types of visitation must be approved and made a minimum of one day (Monday through Friday) in advance. Contact Kayla in Marketing at 610-723-4601 to schedule!

Travel Restrictions:

As reported on the PA Department of Health website 10/12/2020, Texas has been removed and **25** states remain on the restricted travel list: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming. If you travel to these states, you must quarantine at home 14 days upon return. Please note that the states listed for restricted travel can change on a daily basis. The most recent updates can be found on www.health.pa.gov. **Some local counties are experiencing a high up-tik in reported COVID-19 cases. Please wear face masks and practice social distancing if traveling off campus!**