

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**



**December 11, 2020**

**Care Center Updates:**

**COVID-19 Testing and Guidelines:**

The Covid-19 positivity rate for Delaware County remains above 10%, currently at 12.5%. The Care Center has been looking for a new lab to process our Covid-19 tests because the lab we have been using for employee testing has been delivering unacceptably slow test results due to the increase in cases and tests being performed. Brookside Lab, who has been the Care Center's regular lab partner for many years and has been doing our weekly resident Covid-19 tests now has the capability to perform all testing for Dunwoody. We will begin doing all of our Covid-19 testing with Brookside Lab on Monday, December 14, 2020. We expect this to be a seamless transition and a significant improvement in our ability to identify any positive Covid-19 cases in our community more quickly so we can act faster to mitigate additional spread.

Just as we are seeing an increase in the number of cases in the greater local community and around the country, we have also seen an increase in the number staff and ancillary providers in the past couple of weeks testing positive. Our last positive employee test that we had was on 11/30/20; however, we have had 13 staff and ancillary providers out of work with symptoms or exposure to Covid-19 from 11/30/20. We have not had any additional residents test positive. From what we are seeing, we expect positivity rates to remain above 10% through the holidays. **As required, we will begin twice weekly testing of all care center staff and residents beginning Monday 12/14/20.**

Unfortunately, this means that in-person visits with Care Center residents will continue to be restricted, except for compassionate visits. We encourage window visits with your loved ones if possible. We have ordered tents with sides for families and visitors to sit under when having a window visit to reduce the wind and cold. We understand that this isn't the type visit that we all long for with our loved ones, but we will continue to offer window visits for those interested so long as there is no snow and ice on walking surfaces. We also continue to encourage FaceTime visits. If you need assistance connecting with your loved one on FaceTime please don't hesitate to contact the Activities Department for help. The Care Center staff are going out of their way to do little extra things for our residents during the holiday season and the Care Center is decorated beautifully to help "keep spirits bright"! On behalf of all Care Center staff we want to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah or whatever you choose to celebrate!

**Residential Updates:**

We currently have 2 independent living residents, living in the same household, with COVID-19 positive tests in the West Country House area. They are both Quarantining at home with mild symptoms and are being monitored by Health and Wellness.

### **Common Area Project Updates:**

The West Country house hallway is slated to be taken down around 12/15/20. Some changes are being made to accommodate for the travel disruption.

**Car Service** – Car Service/Wheelchair Van Service will be available Monday-Saturday from 8am-7pm and Sunday from 9am-3pm. Please call **610-357-9732** to get a ride. If you don't get an answer, please then call 610-359-4437. If you have a scheduled appointment, please call as soon as you know so we can get you on the schedule. As the COVID restrictions change, hours may also change to accommodate dining and programs.

**Coffee Service** – Coffee and muffin service will be provided Monday-Saturday at 8am. Coffee and muffins will be dropped off by transportation. The staff delivering the night meals will pick up the coffee canisters for the next day. Coffee will be served in the Laundry room near door 10.

**Dinner Meals – West Country House and Penrose** - Dinner meals will be delivered to both areas. We are changing the way we do this – The van and 2 dining services staff will go to the West Country House residents first and deliver their meals – carts will be kept at CH17 (an empty apartment hallway) and then they will deliver in different directions. Once they return the carts, they will get back on the bus and go pick up the Penrose dinners and deliver in the same fashion. Penrose dinners will not be the first meals – they will come a little later than they have been. We apologize for the inconvenience. The grill is open if you would like to pick up your meals at a time convenient to you.

### **Newspapers** –

We are working with the Newspaper Carrier to be sure your newspapers are delivered to your door. We have been in contact with the delivery person to work out a solution.

**Viewing of construction** – If you are interested in watching some of the construction as they work on the new building, the Lounge is a great place to see all the action. This will be available for December and part of January. Once they put the partitions go up, they will add observation windows for people to look through and Warfel is going to have cameras so that we can show video from time to time in 1970 and we may be able to have it on our website. More to come on that. Please wear your mask and socially distance in the lounge.

### **Women's group**

We have had such a wonderful response to our bi-weekly women's social group that we are creating a third group! If you are interested in participating, please contact Erin Price at 610-707-4898 or email [eprice@dunwoody.org](mailto:eprice@dunwoody.org). We hope to see you there!

### **Dining Services Update:**

Menu changes will resume in the new year. We are planning special additions to holiday To-Go meals. Looking at delivery, we are going to pack butter pats frozen and put Ice Cream in an insulated transport bag. At the time of delivery, we will place ice cream in your To-Go bag. Hopefully these two changes will improve the condition of these items upon delivery. It is very disheartening we can't serve you in person over the holiday season. On behalf of the Dining Services department, I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year!

**Correction to moves** – In the memo from Warfel yesterday, I wrote that Sherry, Kathy, and Josie are on the right side past the elevator and it should have said the left side.

### **Arts and Crafts**

The Arts & Crafts Department will be offering a painted birdhouse for sale in the lobby beginning on Monday, December 14th and continuing for five (5) days. There will be a clip board where you may enter your Silent Auction bid. On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. the bidding will close.

Dick Poli's design, including a shingled roof and pebbles on the lawn, is enhanced by Ruth's delicately painted fir trees on the birdhouse exterior. Falling snow completes the winter scene. Come take a look – Monday through Friday (Dec. 14-18).

### **Popular Programs Committee:**

Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. -- *The Great American Songbook and Beyond: New York to Paris*. Vocalist Katie Eagleson, joined by Lenny Pierro on piano, will give a live presentation which will also be broadcast on Channel 1970. The show has a decidedly New York theme and includes French songs made famous by Edith Piaf. For tickets to the live presentation in the auditorium, contact Kayla in marketing 610-723- 4601.

### **Travel Restrictions – PA Department of Health: [www.PA.gov](http://www.PA.gov)**

By Order issued November 17, 2020, as of 12:01 a.m. Friday, November 20, 2020: Travelers entering PA from other countries or states as well as Pennsylvanians who are returning home from other countries or states are required to have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to entering the Commonwealth of PA or quarantine for 14 days upon entry into PA. Individuals travelling for work, medical reasons, or military order are exempt. This travel restriction to and from ALL states remains in effect until further notice.

CHANNEL 1970

December 13– December 19 2020

12/13-12/19	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
		<b>*All showings are at 2 pm, unless otherwise noted</b>	
<b>Sunday 12/13</b>		<b>2 pm:</b> Rev. Timothy Thompson-Hohl Ardmore United Methodist <b>3 pm Movie:</b> “Remember the Night” Barbara Stanwyck, Fred MacMurray 1940 PG/Comedy, Drama, Romance	
<b>Monday 12/14</b>	Exercise: <b>Bonnie</b> 9:00 Morning Stretch 9:45 Modified Arthritis Foundation 10:30 Strength ♥ (♥Similar to one in Fitness Class before Covid)	<i>How Winston Churchill Changed the World, Michael Sheldon (Failure in WWI; War &amp; Peace)</i>	7 PM – Documentary: “Directed by John Ford” 1971**
<b>Tuesday 12/15</b>	Exercise: <b>Julie</b> 9:00 Morning Stretch 9:45 Personal Care 10:30 Strength ♥ 11:15 <b>Indoor</b> Chair Yoga*	<i>Current Events: World Demography</i>	7 pm – Live Performance Katie Eagleson--Cabaret singer: The Great American Songbook and Beyond: New York to Paris Joined by Lenny Pierro on piano
<b>Wednesday 12/16</b>	Exercise: <b>Pat</b> 9:00 Morning Stretch 9:45 Modified Arthritis Foundation 10:30 Strength Class ♥ 11:15 <b>Indoor</b> Chair Yoga*	<i>How Winston Churchill Changed the World (Chancellor of the Exchequer; Rise of Tyranny in 1930's)</i>	7 pm – Allegro Music Consultants Quarantine Connection: Jasper String Quartet
<b>Thursday 12/17</b>	Exercise: <b>Bonnie</b> 9:00 Morning Stretch 9:45 Balance Class ♥ 10:30 Pilates Class ♥ <b>Marc Shay:</b> 11:15 Indoor Tai Chi*	<i>Downton Abbey (3, 7)</i>	7 pm – West Wing: Season 2, Disc 4: Episode 13: “Bartlet’s Third State of the Union”
<b>Friday 12/18</b>	Exercise: <b>Jo</b> 9:00 Morning Stretch 9:45 Balance Class ♥ 10:30 <b>Indoor</b> Chair Yoga	<i>How to Look at &amp; Understand Great Art, Sharon Latchaw Hirsh (Color &amp; Line)</i>	7 pm – Doc Martin: Disc 2 Episode 6: “The Family Way”
<b>Saturday 12/19</b>			7 pm Movie – “A Christmas Carol” Alastair Sim, Jack Warner, Kathleen Harrison 1951 PG 86 min Drama, Fantasy

\*Indoor Chair Yoga/Tai Chi – Please sign up by calling Fitness Center 10 maximum in the Auditorium

\*\* An acclaimed documentary by Peter Bogdanovich brings us the life of the distinguished American filmmaker John Ford through interviews with Ford himself, clips from some of his best-known films and reflections from John Wayne, Jimmy Stewart, Henry Fonda and others.