

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

From: **Kathy Barton, Director of Operations**
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Re: **CONTINUED UPDATE RE: COVID-19**



March 9, 2021

Care Center Updates:

County Positivity Rate:

Delaware County's Covid-19 Positivity Rate is below 10% and stands currently at 5.6% as of 3/8/21. The number of cases in Delaware County continues to decline, but the decline continues to be extremely gradual. Delaware County is in a "yellow-level" of risk because the positivity rate is now below 10%, but above the 5% threshold to move Delaware County to a "green-level". The number of cases being seen in area hospitals is flat

Skilled Nursing:

We currently have a total of 0 "Active" COVID-19 positive residents in the skilled center. No residents are currently hospitalized for Covid-19. Our skilled center's last positive case was on 1/25/21. All skilled nursing units are currently at a "yellow level" of risk.

Testing: All residents and Care Center staff are now tested once a week as of February 15, 2021. If Delaware County's positivity rate drops below 5%, we will move to monthly testing.

Personal Care:

On March 2, 2021 during regular weekly Covid-19 testing one personal care resident on the Woodlea unit came back with "inconclusive" test results. Dunwoody and the Department of Human Services treats "inconclusive" test results as if they are positive unless and until a positive result can be ruled out. Care Center staff immediately conducted a Rapid Antigen Covid-19 test and the results came back negative. At the same time, we asked the lab to re-run their lab sample and they did. Once again, the result came back "inconclusive". The resident had previously received both vaccinations. Our Medical Director, Dr. Tom Lawrence reviewed the case with Main Line Health's Chief of Infection Control and their recommendation is that we quarantine the positive resident, but not other residents on the Woodlea unit. The positive resident has no symptoms and has a very low viral-load, but experts recommend taking an aggressive approach to ensure that we do everything within reason to limit the virus spread. All personal care residents were retested on Thursday, March 4 and all direct care staff who provided care to the resident within the last ten days since the positive test result will be retested on Friday, March 5. Regular, weekly staff tests for the week of 3/1 have all come back negative. The resident did have recent exposure to others than staff so we are contact-tracing with known interactions. Residents on the Woodlea Unit will not be quarantined to their room, but they are quarantined to the unit. The inconclusive resident is being quarantined, and we are happy to announce that the resident is doing very well and will be out of quarantine in a few days.

No new staff members have tested positive since 1/28/21 and no staff are currently out of work due to exposure concerns. The Care Center continues to be very focused on routine disinfecting, personal protective equipment compliance and hand-washing with staff and residents

Covid-19 Vaccine:

All long-term Care Center residents in the skilled center and all personal care residents have been vaccinated with their second dose. We are working to develop plans to provide vaccines in an on-going manner through our pharmacy for short-term rehab residents, new independent-living residents and those employees who have not yet received the vaccination. Vaccine supply continues to be the major obstacle for vaccine distribution.

Care Center Visitation

Care Center visitation is conducted in our two specifically designed "Safe Visiting Areas" by appointment ONLY by a maximum of 2 visitors (16 or older) every 7 days for 30 minutes. All visitors, including fellow residents, must follow the proper protocol as listed in the February 22nd and February 26th memos posted on our website. To schedule a visit, please contact Jennifer Barrall at 610-359-4503 or jbarrall@dunwoody.org. Please keep in mind that if we have a new resident positive test or a new employee positive test visitation will again be further restricted.

Residential Updates:

Construction Update:

Warfel is continuing with the storm work between the apartments and the old hallway. This is a major hurdle and they are hoping to be finished this week. Footings are being installed for the new stair tower (where the old woodshop was). Once footings are finished, masonry will start. Demolition of the façade and roof trusses continue. Demolition of the chimney above the old fireplace in the Lounge will begin. Temporary electric lines are being installed around the apartment building to provide power for when transformers are moved. Because the lines are temporary, they will be grey conduit laid on top of the ground. The temporary lines are not expected to impact resident transit. One section will cross a walkway. In the walkway area, Warfel will either put in two poles and go overhead or dig beneath and bury it.

On Monday, March 15th, between 9:00am – 5:00 pm (weather permitting) the following apartments will be without electric power: F, C, A, B, and WCH will be down for up to 4 hours. J & D may be down for up to 8 hours. We will send a SmartNotice at the end of this week with more information about the shutdowns.

Vaccine date:

We thank all residents for their outstanding cooperation and patience in making the March 4th vaccination clinic a success! Copies of your vaccine card will be kept in Health & Wellness should you need a copy. In addition, you might consider using your phone to take a photo of your vaccination card and keep it accessible on your phone.

Resident Check-in:

If you do use e-mail, please check in each day by e-mailing: checkin@dunwoody.org. If you do not use e-mail, please continue to call the front desk at 610-359-4400. Whether you are checking in by e-mail or phone, please complete your check-in by 12:00 noon. If not checked in by noon, a call will be made to your phone number on record. If there is no response, a security check will be conducted. We are working on a finding a new check-in system and thank you for your patience.

Movie Suggestions for Channel 1970:

If you have a particular movie you would like to see or are interested in participating in selecting the movies shown on 1970, please contact Tom Devlin, J-301, by mail, phone (484-427-7922) or e-mail tmdevlin22@comcast.net.

Lecture:

March 18th at 2:00 p.m., Norma Winther will give a lecture on pandemics in history, based on the book: “A Brief History of Influenza, The Plaque, Cholera, and other Infectious Diseases That Have Changed the World; How They Started, How They Ended, and the Lessons learned by Humanity”

Current Event Change:

The Current Events lecture on the “Korean Peninsula” originally scheduled for March 16th will now be held on March 22nd at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Gift Shop Hours:

The Gift Shop is now open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. A maximum of 3 persons are permitted at any one time. Masks must be properly worn. Cash, check, or on-account are acceptable payment.

Memo Change:

Memo updates are currently provided once a week, on Tuesdays. On Fridays we will send the 1970 schedule and letter from the DVRA President. If we have information important to communicate, we will be sure to do a memo to provide you the necessary information.