



May 13, 2021

Dear Dunwoody Residents and Staff,

I hope everyone enjoyed a lovely Mother's Day weekend. The Mother's Day Visits for residents residing in the Care Center were very successful! We used the Memorial Garden Tent and Terrace Dining Room for larger groups while individual guests were able to visit in residents' rooms. Over 85 residents in the Care Center enjoyed visits over the weekend. It felt very celebratory and very "normal"! There were balloons, pink tablecloths, flowers and lots of smiles and hugs. Heartfelt thanks to the many, many staff who coordinated this effort and volunteered over the weekend to make this a very special event. They are already planning for Father's Day!

DINING

Waited service began in The Terrace this week. It was great to see residents in the dining room! Although the majority of our staff have never waited on tables, they are off to a good start. It is important for them to work with smaller groups to gain skills and experience. Our total wait staff numbers are low. We have a number of new hires in the process of joining our team. Hiring is ongoing and extremely challenging for the entire foodservice industry. We are anxious to increase the number of residents enjoying a meal in the Terrace Dining Room, and we will notify you as soon as this is possible. We are currently preparing the use the Memorial Garden Tent for dining service, but we have a few issues to address. There are a few areas that leak when it rains. The carpet is uneven in places. We met with the owner of the tent company today and he is preparing a plan to remedy our issues as safety and comfort are among our top concerns in opening the tent. Please note, home delivery will cease in coordination with the opening of the tent.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

As a reminder, fully vaccinated residents may remove their masks to walk or exercise outside. Outdoor croquet will soon be set up outside near the large generator.

COMMUNITY MAILBOXES

Temporary community mailboxes have been set up for residents in Independent Living. They are set up at the J Hallway, near the Club Room. This will not affect US Mail Delivery. The mailboxes will be marked with your residence number and will be in use for community mail as of Wednesday, May 19th.

CONSTRUCTION

For the remainder of this week, the focus on the project is preparation for concrete floor pours next week. The steel erector is detailing steel connections and installing decking on the upper floor on the west side of the project, so that early next week the concrete contractor will be able to prep this area, for a mid-week pour. This week, the concrete contractor is working on placing stone base on the ground floor, as well as vapor barrier and steel reinforcement, so that next week they can pour a large section of that floor as well. The framer is installing trusses on the east side of the project and also framing the walls of the connector hallway. Once the wall framing is complete, they will be setting the roof trusses.

Phasing of Construction: Phase I is expected to be completed by the end of December 2020. We are consulting with Warfel for an update on Phases II and III.

Gazebos:

To increase available outside space for resident use, we are beginning to install gazebos in several locations: west of the main generator, at the flagpole circle between Cedars East and Cedars West, in the area of the Farmhouse, and the cul-de-sac (in the grass area) of the West Country Houses. Mapping and planning of additional gazebo installation is in process. Unfortunately, furniture for the gazebos is not immediately available but we are searching.

Transportation/Food Shopping:

GIANT trips are Tuesday mornings leaving 8:50 am returning 10:10 am
ACME trips are Thursday mornings leaving 8:50am returning 10:10 am
Bus seating is limited to half capacity at this time (total of 7 persons).
Please sign up in the Transportation Office.

Visitation:

Independent Living (IL) Residents may visit residents in the Care Center. They do not need to use Sign Up Genius on our website, but they must sign in and screen for COVID-19. Additionally, they may not walk around visiting randomly. IL residents must identify exactly which residents they intend to visit and limit visits to these residents. This is part of the regulatory guidance and supports our ability to contact trace in the event of an outbreak.

Best regards,
Maureen