

May 27, 2021



Dear Dunwoody Village Residents and Staff,

I know this last week has caused concern and stress for many and I am very sorry for those who have been impacted. We are committed to being transparent so I want to share with you what we know. Since last Thursday 5-20-21, a total of 3 staff and 2 residents tested positive, for a total of 5 cases on our campus. Late Thursday, it was suggested to me by infectious disease experts consulting with Dunwoody that I retest because my results were in a gray zone. I was retested Thursday night at an Urgent Care site and my results, received at midnight Saturday 5-22-2021, were Negative for COVID 19. The additional 4 people also retested at various sites on the weekend and through this week. The last of these test results was received late yesterday. All of these results were also Negative. All 5 were fully vaccinated and have felt well throughout the week. Despite subsequently testing Negative, public health officials recognize the first Positive test; therefore, the guidance is that those who first tested positive continue to isolate. The staff, including myself, are isolating at home and will return to work on Tuesday June 1st. We are certainly looking forward to coming back to Dunwoody!

The fact that we had 5 breakthrough cases of COVID-19 in fully vaccinated people has drawn interest and attention from the CDC and local public health officials. We had the opportunity to have a video conference with representatives yesterday from the CDC, and the PA and Chester County Health Departments. We vetted the idea of lab issues and contamination issues related to the initial positive testing but after review it was concluded that this was not the case. The good news is that although the virus was detected in the first round of testing, it is believed the vaccine is highly effective and subsequent tests were then unable to detect the virus. The highly effective nature of the vaccine is exactly what we hoped for!

Unfortunately, this event constituted as an outbreak in Skilled Nursing and Personal Care as well because one of the staff who tested positive had close contact and worked in Healthcare. Residents and staff will continue to be tested through the 14-day period. As soon as the final round of testing is complete, with negative results, visitation will re-open and communal dining and activities will resume. To date, thankfully all test results are negative in Skilled Nursing and Personal Care for residents and staff.

There is a small group of residents on campus who had close contact with one or more people who tested positive. Close contact is defined as “within 6 feet for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.” These residents will

be retested and will have a modified quarantine at Dunwoody, meaning they can leave campus and participate in activities off campus but will refrain from congregating in public/common Dunwoody areas and participating in communal activities on Campus, including dining, meetings etc. Residents have already been contacted and provided written guidance; if you have not been contacted, these restrictions don't apply to you. Activities, dining and the bar are happening as scheduled in Independent Living at Dunwoody; housekeeping will continue for all residents as scheduled. All staff and all residents are asked to wear masks inside at Dunwoody at this time. Our goal is that no one else will test positive on our campus and we can continue with the progress we have made “getting back to normal.” The vaccines have been effective in mitigating any serious illness for those who did test positive.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

On the east side of the project the framing contractor is continuing to brace and detail roof trusses and is beginning to install the plywood roof deck. They are also working on framing the exterior walls. The steel erector is erecting the remainder of the addition structural steel on the west side of the project and will be complete next week. The connector hallway windows are being framed and the exterior wall sheathing will be installed in the next days. After that the vapor barrier will be applied, and next week the windows will be installed. Yesterday, there was a “Topping Off” ceremony as the last steel beam of the project was placed. Some residents, staff and board members were present to watch the beam be raised and placed. It was a beautiful day and the American flag waved from the beam as it was placed. Those present also were able to walk the site and see the great progress that is being made.

DINING UPDATE

The Terrace remains open for seated dining according to neighborhood reservations (as listed on your dining menu). Auditorium pick up with option to “dine in” if seating is available and Home Meal Delivery continues. On June 7, 2021 our tent is scheduled to open and new Dining Services will be in place! You will receive a complete Dining Update in next week’s memo.

Memorial Day Remembrance

Thank you to the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Let us remember those who courageously gave their lives so that we all may enjoy freedom. We count our blessings and remember our fallen service members with pride this Memorial Day.

Warm regards,
Maureen