## May 21, 2021



## Dear Residents and Staff,

As you can imagine, word of my positive COVID test yesterday set many wheels in motion at Dunwoody. In our effort to communicate quickly, we did not communicate clearly; clarification is provided below. Please know I continue to feel well and believe the vaccine has done its job, keeping any severe symptoms at bay. Through contact tracing, there were 5 people identified on the Dunwoody campus that came into close contact with me, and although they are fully vaccinated and symptom free, they were tested yesterday out of an abundance of caution and will continue to be monitored for symptoms.

## MASKS

As stated in my letter earlier today, we are asking residents in Independent Living to wear masks in common areas until all testing and contact tracing is complete, which will likely be by early next week. Assuming there are no additional positive cases, residents will then be able to remove the masks in common areas. Common areas include all hallways, stairways, elevators, the lobby, the therapy department, and Health and Wellness. Residents may remove masks when seated in the dining room and the bar. As a reminder, fully vaccinated residents may remove their masks to walk or exercise outside. All visitors on the Dunwoody Campus are asked to wear a mask in all common indoor spaces. At the discretion of residents residing in Independent Living, vaccinated visitors may remove their mask in the home of the resident. Unvaccinated visitors may not remove their mask at any time on the Dunwoody Campus. Visitors to Skilled Nursing and Personal Care should continue wearing masks while visiting in a resident's room in addition to social distancing. All staff at Dunwoody will also continue to wear surgical masks inside for the foreseeable future. Staff needing new surgical masks can get them from the Main Lobby and/or the Healthcare Receptionist. Staff can also pick up a "Dunwoody Strong" mask from Marketing to wear off campus. Vaccinated staff may remove their masks outside (unless they are working with residents) and in private offices where all staff are vaccinated. If there is an unvaccinated person present, everyone should wear a mask.

## UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR SKILLED NURSING AND PERSONAL CARE

Vaccinated residents may choose to remove their masks when seated in common spaces and during activities. Social distancing is encouraged. If unvaccinated residents are present, all residents should wear a mask. Residents are returning to communal dining with small numbers of residents at each table. Visitors to Skilled Nursing and Personal Care should continue wearing masks while visiting in a resident's room in addition to social distancing. Visitors must wear masks while moving through common spaces. When residents leave the Dunwoody Campus, they should be mindful of the potential risks of public settings, particularly if they have not been fully vaccinated, and reminded to avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces. Off campus, residents should practice physical distancing, wear a mask and perform frequent hand hygiene. If fully vaccinated residents are visiting friends or family in their homes, they should follow the mask recommendations and social distancing recommendations for visiting with

others in private settings. Residents must inform Dunwoody if they have close contact with a person with COVID-19 while outside the facility. Residents who are away from Dunwoody for more than 24 hours will be required to complete Covid Testing upon return and may be required to quarantine based on the circumstance of time away.

Best regards, Maureen