

August 19, 2021



Dear Residents, Staff and Families,

Please know we continue to monitor the state of COVID-19 in our area and on our campus. The positivity rate in Delaware County continues to rise and is at 4.9%. The current vaccination rate for Dunwoody Employees is 77.7%. We continue to make progress with employee vaccinations and there are staff who have received one shot but are not included in the rate until fully vaccinated. We also have staff who will receive the first round on Monday August 23, 2021. It was announced today that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) will require employee vaccination as a condition of participation in the program. Dunwoody was ahead of this requirement by mandating the vaccine for all employees by October 1, 2021. We know some staff members may choose to leave Dunwoody rather than be vaccinated and, we are putting contingency plans in place; we certainly hope they choose to stay as we value all of our employees.

Dunwoody Village is home to you, our residents; as such we are working to provide you the least restrictive environment possible, while prioritizing safety, security, and infection control. To that end, we continue to be nimble, thoughtful and creative about our policies and procedures and the impact to our residents' well-being. We ask that the residents and their families partner with us to ensure that Dunwoody continues to be a safe haven. We strongly suggest with the increasing positivity rate that only vaccinated visitors come to our campus and we require that visitors check in at the front desk and complete our COVID screening when visiting. We likely will be enforcing proof of vaccination for visitors in the near future. We also ask that no visitors under the age of 12 come to campus for indoor visits. These guidelines are efforts to keep our campus safe, secure and open to our residents; your compliance will support these efforts. If your visitors are ill or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, they should refrain from visiting the Dunwoody Campus. If you are ill or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 you should stay home and contact the Health and Wellness office; please do not risk exposing others. Again, all of these guidelines are an effort to keep our campus, including programs and activities, meeting spaces, and dining venues as open as possible for our residents.

The current recommendation of the CDC, and Delaware County, is that all people regardless of vaccination status wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission. Delaware County is now considered a county with substantial transmission. (Please consider masking in public indoor venues such as the food store, pharmacies and other areas where you may be at risk for exposure to others with COVID-19.) Additional recommendations include that all people regardless of vaccination status wear a mask regardless of the level of transmission, if they are immunocompromised or at increased risk for severe disease from COVID-19, or if they have someone in their household who is immunocompromised, at increased risk of severe disease or not fully vaccinated; some residents are choosing to mask indoors at Dunwoody.

Care Center Update:

Skilled Nursing

One resident on our Fairlee nursing unit tested positive for Covid-19 on 8/6/2021; Fairlee was placed on "red-level" (high-risk) infection control precautions. As required by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, all residents and staff in skilled nursing were immediately tested for Covid-19 with no additional positive results for residents and one staff member on Patten testing positive. Patten was placed on "yellow-level" (moderate risk) infection control precautions. As is regulatorily required, a third round of testing for all residents and staff in skilled nursing will begin on Friday, August 20, 2021. We are required

to test all residents and all staff every seven days until we have negative results for everyone for 14-days with no new positive cases identified and then we will lift required restrictions on the Fairlee and Patten nursing units. Lifting of restrictions would include less Personal Protective Equipment “(PPE)” being required for staff and visitors. Additionally, Fairlee and Patten residents would be able to have outdoor visits next week. An update will be sent via Smart Notice (text message) to all responsible parties of residents residing on Fairlee and Patten as soon as outdoor visitation can start.

Skilled Nursing Visitation

Indoor visitation (except for approved compassionate care visits) to our skilled nursing is currently restricted until we have negative test results for all residents living in skilled nursing and staff who work in skilled nursing for 14-days with no new positive cases identified. Residents residing on Dundale West and Pavilion may have scheduled, monitored visits outside in our tented visiting area located to the East of the Care Center Main Entrance. Use the link on the Dunwoody website (www.Dunwoody.org) to access Sign-up Genius where you can sign up for a visitation time. Upon arrival visitors should report to the Care Center Main Entrance to be screened. All visitors are required to be screened; however, only one visitor will be allowed to go to the resident’s room to bring them to the outdoor visiting area. Visitors may also take their loved ones for walks on the property. Visitors will receive a hand-out that outlines infection control precautions that must strictly be followed at all times during your visit.

Outdoor visitors are limited to (4) per visit. No children under the age of 12 are currently allowed to visit. Masks are required by all visitors. Additionally, residents are required to wear a mask at all times during the visit. No food or drinks are allowed during the visit and visitors should also keep socially distanced from the resident they are visiting.

Window visits are allowed for skilled residents who reside in a ground-level room. Please be careful when navigating uneven surfaces and vegetation when approaching a window.

Compassionate visits are available on a case-by-case basis and must be requested and approved prior to a compassionate visit being allowed. Please contact your social worker if you’d like to request a compassionate visit.

Congregate dining in the skilled dining room has also been suspended and residents will be served meals in their rooms until we have negative results for everyone for 14-days with no new positive cases identified. Activities will be limited to small groups of residents who are wearing masks and are socially-distanced.

Personal Care

There are currently no restrictions to visitation in Personal Care.

The Covid-19 situation in our region and county continue to change rapidly. We will continue to modify operations as necessary to meet the changes and the regulatory requirements.

Water Shut-Down next Week:

Next week we will have 3 separate interruptions of water service as we replace a water line with Aqua: **Tuesday August 24, Wednesday August 25 & Thursday August 26.** You should have received a letter yesterday with specific information about what work needs to be done and the areas that will be impacted with no water service during those days.

On Tuesday, August 24, and on Wednesday, August 25, Apartment sections: J, A, E, G, H, and West Country Houses will be without water from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

On Thursday, August 26, we will have a nighttime water shutdown from 8:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. in all of the above areas, in addition to the Main Lobby, Woodlea, Leeland, Dundale West, Health & Wellness, Kitchen, Laundry and staff restrooms.

We suggest that you plan to have extra water on hand for these days. The toilet will flush one time and then you will need to fill it up with water to flush again. Dunwoody will provide 3 Gallons of Water to each apartment that will be affected, as well as the Care Center rooms that will be affected. This will be delivered to your apartment before the shutdown. We will have bottles of drinking water in the lobby for residents who need it. If you need assistance, please contact Kathy Barton at 610-359-4428 or kbarton@dunwoody.org. It is important to be prepared for this known water shutdown. It may be a good time to meet with friends or find something to do off campus those days for those who are affected.

From 2:00 – 3:30 on Tuesday and Wednesday, we will have a snack in the lobby for you to enjoy. We are very sorry for this inconvenience to our residents.

Fitness News:

An Ageless Exercise Announcement- All classes on Monday August 23rd will be cancelled with the exception of our newest addition, a Monday water aerobics class at 9am! This means we will have 2 water aerobics classes a week. One on Monday morning and one on Wednesday mornings. Classes currently are limited to only 8 people so we have to be fair and continue to schedule people for these classes. If you are signed up for one day, you can be on a waitlist for the second class. We have to allow everyone that wants to try the class to have the opportunity. This is progress and we are hoping to expand the class size in the future.

In lieu of Monday's exercise classes on August 23rd, an exercise video will be shown at 9:00 a.m. and yoga video will be shown at 9:45 a.m. on Channel 1970.

Ice Cream Social:

Dining Services will be holding an Ice Cream Social in the Memorial Garden Tent on Wednesday, August 25th. The social will be part of that evening's dining experience. If you do not plan to dine in the tent, feel free to stop by just for ice cream. The Ice Cream Social will be available from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Best regards,

Maureen