

August 5, 2021



Dear Residents, Families and Staff:

I hope that everyone is enjoying the cooler weather this past week. It has been nice to be able to serve dinner in the tent this week with no storms or overly hot weather to contend with. I have also spied many people sitting out at that chair circle enjoying each other's company. It is surprising that we are able to do this at the beginning of August. Many are out walking around the beautiful campus – the grounds are very enjoyable right now! I have also heard many have either just left for the shore, or just got back. Last Friday I was given a private tour of the community gardens. They are flowing with tomatoes, peppers, herbs, and cucumbers to name a few things. The residents take turn watering so everyone does not have to go down each day. They already have new people interested for next year. What a great use for the space!



Covid-19 Update:

Delaware County has seen a concerning increase in the county's Covid-19 positivity rate. The Pennsylvania Department of Health updated its data on July 29, 2021; the positivity rate was 3.2%. Area hospitals are also seeing an increased number of Covid-19 positive patients, which is largely due to the arrival of the Covid-19 Delta Variant in our region. If the County positivity rate reaches 5%, we will be required to conduct monthly testing of all Care Center staff and residents once again. At 5%, the Care Center will again be required to place regulatory restrictions on some aspects of visitation.

Visitation:

Due to the Delta Variant and increase in the County positivity rate, we are focusing efforts on ensuring that visitors are following our policies for infection prevention.

All Visitors on Campus:

- WEAR A MASK. Any visitor not wearing a mask will be asked to leave the facility immediately.
- Use hand sanitizer upon entrance to the facility.
- Have your temperature taken.
- Complete a Covid-19 Visitor Screening Form.

Care Center Visitation:

Visitors will be provided with a hand-out upon arrival to the Care Center that details all infection prevention measures that are required during their visit(s).

Indoor visitation:

- Visitors must wear a mask at all times.
- Limited to 2 visitors at a time. If more people want to visit, we suggest that you alternate visitation so that no more than 2 people are in the resident's room at any time. Those waiting to alternate visits must wait outside of the facility.
- Children under the age of 12 are not permitted to visit. Children 12 and older may visit indoors so long as they are able to follow all safety requirements as outlined for visitors.
- Please do not sit or lie on resident beds. Only use chairs in the room for comfort needs.
- Visitors are not allowed to have food or drink during indoor visits.

Outdoor visitation:

- Limited to 4 visitors at a time. Outdoor visitation areas with covering and seating are available on a first-come first-served basis, east of the Care Center entrance
- Visitors are allowed to have food and drink if visiting outdoors. You may remove your mask outdoors while eating or drinking. Please wear your mask at other times.
- Children under the age of 12 are permitted to visit outdoors but must remain in the visitation area and follow the same safety regulations for other visitors.

Vaccination Update Regarding Staff:

As of October 1, 2021, it is mandated that all staff members are COVID-19 vaccinated. A third-party review process has been established to allow staff to request a religious and/or medical exception. Effective June 28, 2021, Dunwoody Village requires that all newly-hired employees provide written documentation proving completed COVID 19 vaccination(s). Applicants who do not provide such documentation – or have not received advanced documented approval for a medical or religious accommodation - are ineligible for employment consideration.

Resident Check-In:

Please remember to check-in with the front desk by calling 610-359-4410 or email: checkinatdunwoody.org BEFORE 12:00 noon each day.

Dining Services & Supply Chain:

Dining Services would like to keep residents informed that there are supply chain issues affecting our ability to obtain certain products. The products vary from different foods, beverages, and paper/plastic supplies. When an item becomes unavailable, it may be out of stock for a number of days or even weeks. This situation is due to manufacturing, distribution, and shipping/transportation issues. If a particular item is missing from our menu or there is a packaging or container change, it is the supply chain. This is a problem for many industries. As an example, at the Fine Wine & Spirits Shop, Cognac and other items from France are not available. Certain items are in and out of stock because the distributor is having problems obtaining large glass bottles.

Massage Mondays are Back!

Licensed Massage Therapist Susan Wood will be providing free chair massages for residents on Mondays: September 13th, October 11th, November 8th, and December 13th. Massages are available from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on a first-come first-served basis. Stop by our board room to enjoy the benefits of a relaxing massage!

Guest Apartments:

With a number of changes necessary, the procedure for guest apartment rentals is still in the process of being updated. We will provide residents a separate memo outlining the process and all necessary information as soon as the process is complete.

Construction Update:

On the exterior of the project, the excavator continues to work on tying-in new waterlines and will begin to trench-in the new, high voltage electric that powers the new mechanical room, and from there -- the renovated building. The retaining wall near the apartments is scheduled to be started next week, and windows are nearing completion. Inside the building, walls are mostly all framed, and mechanical, electrical, and plumbing rough-ins continue. Ceiling framing is ongoing in areas that will have drywall ceilings.

Best regards,
Kathy Barton