

November 24, 2021



Dear Residents, Families and Staff,

We have so much for which to be thankful this year! We have each other and we have a community of caring people including residents, families and staff who together are “One Dunwoody”. We have come through an unimaginable time. We have had illness and lost loved ones, whom we remember lovingly. We have supported and cared for one another. We have been reminded, in the most serious way, that our relationships are what matters; we missed and longed for each other. Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude and reflection. Let us be grateful for the people in our lives including our families, our friends, our neighbors, our colleagues. I received this COVID poem in a text from my friends in April of 2020. I have kept it because I am so very grateful for all of the people in my life, including each and every one of you! Let us always be grateful, and may we never take for granted...

When this is over, may we never again take for granted, a handshake with a stranger, full shelves at the store, conversations with neighbors, a crowded theatre, Friday night out, the taste of communion, a routine checkup, the school rush each morning, coffee with a friend, the stadium roaring, each deep breath, a boring Tuesday, life itself. When this ends, may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be, we were called to be, we hoped to be and may we stay that way—better for each other, because of the worst. - Laura Kelley Fanucci

Care Center Update

Welcome To Our New Director of Nursing, Susan Bankert!

We are happy to announce that we have hired a new Director of Nursing Services, Susan Bankert, BSN, RN, RAC-CT (Resident Assessment Coordinator), CHC (Certified in Health Care Compliance). Susan is a dually certified RN with a background that includes experiences as a *Regional and Corporate Director of Clinical Services, Corporate Compliance Officer and Director of Quality Assurance and Quality Management*. Susan graduated from East Stroudsburg University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and she has been a nurse for over 30-years; starting her career as a Nursing Assistant. We were fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Susan in her capacity as our Interim Director of Nursing prior to her acceptance of the full-time Director of Nursing position. This gave Susan and our Dunwoody Team an opportunity to get to know each other and she fit in with ease. We will be introducing Susan to the Dunwoody Community during the next scheduled Town Hall Meeting. Please take the time to introduce yourself and make her feel welcome.

Covid Booster Clinic Update

All Care Center residents have been offered a Covid booster vaccine and most have already received it. Our first employee Covid booster clinic was held on 11/12/2021 and (60) employees received their booster.

Our next employee Covid booster clinic is scheduled for 12/10/2021. Boosters will be administered in the Club Room from 1:30- 4:30 P.M. and employees need to sign up ahead of time at either the Main Reception Desk or the Care Center Reception Desk. Employees will need to choose which booster manufacturer they would like to have when the sign up. Employees should also bring their health insurance card and their Covid vaccine record/card so it can be updated. Additional booster clinics will be announced soon. The Covid booster is mandatory for all Dunwoody staff by April 31, 2022, so please don't wait until the last minute to get you booster.

Changes to Care Center Visitation

Visitation is allowed for all Care Center residents at all times regardless of vaccination and/or outbreak status. While not recommended, residents who are on transmission-based precautions (TBP) or quarantine can still receive visitors. This policy remains active during COVID-19, other pandemic illnesses and infection outbreaks.

- There is no limitation on the number of visitors. Large groups of visitors are discouraged as are unvaccinated visitors.
- There is no limitation to the length of the visit.
- Visits do not need to be scheduled in advance.
- Visitors and residents may dine together in resident rooms, but not in common spaces.
- Infection Control Protocols will continue to be followed as outlined below:
 - Upon visitors' arrival, each visitor must complete the electronic screening process and utilize hand sanitizer; which is provided.
 - All visitors must wear a mask in all common areas. Visitors should visit only in the resident's room, and should not visit or linger in common areas.
 - All visitors must wear masks based on the community transmission level. Current transmission level will be kept up to date at the front desk.
 - If Low-Moderate: masks are encouraged during in-room visits and must be worn in common areas.
 - If Substantial-High: Surgical/procedure masks are required and will be provided. Cloth masks are not permitted. Visitors must wear masks in common areas and while visiting in resident rooms.
 - If resident is on isolation or precautions for COVID-19, their visitors must stay in the resident's room or designated visitation area and must keep PPE on at all times throughout the visit.
 - All visitors must keep their personal protective equipment (mask) on at all times when in public areas, but may remove their PPE when in their loved ones' rooms. Masks are to be placed back on when around other residents or healthcare personnel.
 - Visitors are encouraged to maintain social distancing. Physical touching is not recommended.
 - Visitors should contact nursing staff for any needs.
 - At the end of the visit, visitors will sign-out at the electronic screener.

Visitation During an Outbreak/Investigation of COVID-19 Outbreak

Please be aware that while it is safest not to enter for visitation during an outbreak or outbreak investigation, visitation is still permitted at these times. While visiting during these times, you are accepting the risk of potentially contracting COVID-19 and/or spreading COVID-19 outside of this facility. If visiting during an outbreak or outbreak investigation, visits should take place in residents' rooms only, and surgical masks/appropriate PPE must be worn at all times. Please see the receptionist or nursing for any questions.

Happy Thanksgiving from all of the Care Center staff!

Dining

If you are calling to reserve a table for the Terrace Dining Room, book an event, or arrange for home meal delivery, the number to call is 610-359-4433. If the staff are unable to answer, please leave a message with your phone number and we will return your call as soon as possible. Thanksgiving Day reminder, the main meal is 12:00- 1:30 p.m. The reservation we requested was just to let us know how many residents are attending for planning purposes. We are not reserving tables with limited seating space. Thank You.

Gift Shop

The gift shop has relocated to **C-223** and is open for business. Hours are M-F 11AM – 2PM. (Just follow the signs with red arrows.) Please stop by and see the new temporary location. Thanks for helping to support your gift shop.

Newspapers

If anyone is experiencing newspaper delivery issues please contact Gene Collier (gcollier@inquirer.com) or Christopher Graham (cgraham@inquirer.com) directly.

Mail

A secure mailbox has been hung on the wall near the front desk. Residents may place Dunwoody bill payments or donations for Employee Appreciation in this box.

Construction Update

This week residents can expect to see the following on the construction site:

On the outside of the building the main focus continues to be installing the flat roof and keeping the building totally dry inside. The mason is continuing stone veneer installation on the south side of the building as well. The landscaper is going to plant the area between the new addition and the apartments as well.

Inside, the main focus continues to be hanging drywall as areas become available once the roof above them is complete. There is one more area that will be tied in to the new generator, and the domestic water system is almost ready to tie in to the existing building.

Happy Thanksgiving!
With warmth and gratitude,

Maureen