

December 22, 2021



Dear Residents, Families & Staff:

I wish you many blessings as you celebrate Christmas and the birth of Jesus. May peace, joy and health come to you and your family in the New Year. I share with you the words of Francis Pharcellus Church, as written in his New York *Sun* editorial: "Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy." I see love and generosity and devotion all around Dunwoody. Each of you contributes to beauty and joy in our world. Thank you for who you are and for all that you do, for me, for each other and for Dunwoody.

### **Main Circle to Close – December 27-29:**

**On Monday, December 27**, an extremely large crane will be brought to the main circle of independent living and set in place. **The circle will be closed beginning at 7am.** Warfel has noted it is the largest crane with which they have worked. Once the crane is in place, the circle will partially reopen for the rest of the day.

**On Tuesday, December 28, the circle will be closed the whole day. This will also affect the bar/lobby area, the auditorium, and part of the Memorial Garden hallway. No one is permitted in any of these spaces while the construction crew lifts the equipment onto the roof.** Please use the basement floor to get around the area that will be marked off. If you have to be picked up or dropped off, please use Door 4 during these days. **Coffee on Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> will be set up outside of Marketing. Dining will be delayed 12/28 until 5:30pm in all areas.**

**On Wednesday, December 29 the crane will be removed and the circle will reopen.**

**For the residents that live in the J section and park their car in the circle area, you are requested to move your cars Sunday night (December 26<sup>th</sup>) to the parking lot by the flagpole. You will need to park there until the crane is removed on Wednesday. Any cars that are in the circle will also need to be moved by Sunday evening.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kathy Barton at 610-359-4428 or [kbarton@dunwoody.org](mailto:kbarton@dunwoody.org).

### **DINING:**

- Christmas Eve, December 24th -Regular Friday Dinner Service.
- Christmas Day, December 25th- Sunday Service Hours.
- **Tuesday, December 28th: Buffet Service in the Main Lobby to begin 5:30 p.m.** due to large crane work on the roof in the Main Entrance Circle, restricting access until late afternoon. Terrace Lunch Noon Service and 5:30 p.m. dinner service unaffected. Village Grill To-Go's 5:30 p.m.
- December 31<sup>st</sup> -- New Year's Eve Community Party 4:30 p.m. This will serve as the dinner meal. **If you are not attending the party, please call 610-359-4433 between 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday December 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> to order your dinner.** Dinner will be delivered between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m. on the 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Saturday January 1st: Sunday Service Hours.

## **CARE CENTER UPDATE**

### **Covid-19 Update**

There are (3) Care Center staff positive for COVID-19 and (3) non-Care Center staff positive for COVID-19. These employees are reporting mild symptoms and are doing well. Subsequent to these Care Center employees testing positive, we have had (2) residents, one on Fairlee and one on Pavilion, who tested positive for COVID-19 on December 20. Both residents are asymptomatic and doing well. Fairlee and Pavilion are “RED” related to infection control precautions, meaning that residents who reside on Fairlee and Pavilion are required to quarantine in their rooms for 14-days. If we have no additional positive cases the quarantine will end on Monday, January 3, 2022.

### **Care Center Visitation**

**Dunwoody Village strongly discourages unvaccinated individuals from visiting** due to increased risk to themselves and our residents. Currently, the number of visitors residents may have at one time will be limited to (2) related to COVID positivity in the Care Center. **Visitors must wear their masks at all times when visiting, including while in resident rooms.** No food or beverages should be consumed by visitors while visiting. Children ages 6 and up are permitted to visit so long as they can properly wear a mask and follow infection control precautions. Children ages 5 and under will be allowed to visit through pre-approved compassionate visits, which can be scheduled through Jackie DelVecchio or Beth Powers at: (610) 359-4504. Skilled residents may visit relatives and friends off-site, in their homes. Taking residents off-site to crowded or public places is highly discouraged. If a resident is not staying the night off-site, they will not be required to quarantine upon return from their visit. If a resident chooses to stay over-night off-site, they will be required to quarantine until the resident receives two negative Covid-19 tests. The first test will be administered the day that the resident returns to Dunwoody and the second test will be done on day 5 of their return.

### **Personal Care**

The quarantine on Cedars West that related to upper respiratory infections ends today, December 22, 2021. We are happy that those residents who were affected by upper respiratory infection have recovered with no new cases on the unit.

### **Health and Wellness**

Dr. Lawrence continues to strongly recommend that residents residing in CCRC environments mask in public areas. The Delaware County Covid positivity rate increased from 8.9% to 9.5% week-over-week, 11/7- 12/14. MLH reports that about a third of their cases are breakthrough cases (individuals who are fully vaccinated and contracted Covid-19). The number of flu and RSV cases are also increasing. Dunwoody has had confirmed cases of the flu and RSV in the Care Center over the last 2 weeks. We strongly recommend only hosting vaccinated guests on campus and only visiting with vaccinated family and friends during this holiday season.

Please notify the Wellness Center immediately if you have had close contact or if you are symptomatic and remain in your residence. Our protocol is to require residents with close contact with someone with confirmed COVID-19 to quarantine in their residence. After 2 negative lab (PCR) tests and after review by Dr. Lawrence, residents may leave quarantine and move freely about our campus. During quarantine, residents may not visit common spaces on campus, but they may leave campus. Residents who are positive for COVID 19 must remain in

isolation for 10 days from symptom onset, and until they are symptom free. They should not leave their residence nor should they leave campus.

Medication Reminder: With the upcoming holidays and limited-service hours, remember to check your supply of medications and call your pharmacy today if you need a prescription refill.

No Fitness classes will be held in the Auditorium on Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.

Pool: The pool remains closed for repairs through Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Facilities**

Gutters are scheduled to be cleaned in all areas during the course of the next 2 weeks.

### **Christmas Service:**

A Christmas Service of readings and carols with special music led by residents will be held live (only) in the Auditorium on Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

### **Christmas Cards**

The Delco Spiderman, who works to bring joy to our Delaware County community, delivered Christmas Cards to Dunwoody Village. Some of you may have received one. Spiderman is very busy with his current box office hit, so it was very kind that he thought of us this holiday season!

### **Construction Update**

The jobsite will be closed for Christmas Thursday and Friday this week. On the exterior of the building, the roofer is buttoning up final items in preparation to set rooftop equipment next week, December 27-29. See above for closures and changes. Drywall is being completed on the second floor, and the painter has begun priming these areas. This will be followed by wood trim and then the first coat of paint. Drywall is being finished in dining areas and is also well underway downstairs.

Again, I wish you peace, joy and a very Merry Christmas,

Maureen Casey