



CAMPUS UPDATE – December 16, 2020

We need to report that we have five new positive results after COVID-19 testing conducted for our team members on December 13. Four of these employees work in care areas; 3rd and 5th floors of the Drinkard Healthcare Center and the short-term rehab on 6th floor Hearthsides.

We must now rescind our invitation to families to visit their loved ones in these areas beginning Dec. 17. *Visitation in all care areas, Assisted Living, Drinkard Healthcare, Memory Support and the 6th floor of Hearthsides, remains suspended until further notice.* Families are permitted to visit those residents receiving end of life care.

Families may schedule a virtual visit for Christmas Day. 10-minute, FaceTime calls are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. We will try to accommodate as many people as possible. Time slots will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will go until 4:30 p.m.

Assisted Living virtual visit appointments may be made through either Megan Williams, at 386-3458, or Scott Shaw, of our Memory Support Team, at 386-3523.

Healthcare virtual visit appointments may be scheduled with Meghan Mays, 386-3502, for residents on 5th and 6th floors. Megan Coleman, phone 386-3529, is the contact for the 3rd and 4th floors.

Isolation Care

The three residents from our Assisted Living and Memory Support neighborhoods currently in our COVID isolation unit continue responding well to the care they receive from our team members. We are hopeful that they will be able to return to their regular neighborhoods in the near future.

The fifth staff member positive for COVID-19 is part of our Security team. The individual works part-time and was last on campus during the evening shift on Dec. 13. This team member had minimal exposure to residents. All of these employees are asymptomatic at this time.

District Numbers Climb

The positivity rate for new cases of COVID-19 is over 15 percent in the Central Virginia Health District. Because of this level, we are required to follow the twice a week testing protocol for all employees who work in care areas. Testing was completed yesterday, Dec. 15, and will be conducted again tomorrow, Dec. 17. This

schedule will continue until the positivity rate within the health district drops below 10 percent.

This means that Westminster Canterbury remains in a state of anticipating potential positive test results. As we look to the end of the year, we are not optimistic that visitation will resume until after January 1, 2021 for residents in our care. We are very sorry to make this announcement. However, we must be realistic moving forward.

Independent Living Activities

We know that many of you were disappointed yesterday with our decision to cancel all group activities. It was not a decision we made lightly. As clarification, no residents identified for quarantine are due to contact with any of the infected residents. In addition, our contact tracing process did not reveal any exposure to other independent residents.

Today, our team recommended closing the Canterbury Café to in-person dining. This was implemented at lunchtime. The Hair Salon and Corner Market are also closed until further notice.

The Gym, Studio and Pool are open for individual use only. If you use the Wellness Center Gym with someone else, wear a mask completely covering your face. If you are alone, you can remove it.

Our EVS team continues to clean and disinfect public areas throughout our campus above and beyond normal procedures. All of these actions - - extra cleaning, limiting access in dining areas, cancelling group activities - - are implemented in an effort to protect the WC campus cohort or “bubble” which includes all residents.

When you are out in the greater community, please exercise a great deal of caution about where you visit and the length of time you spend with people in one place, particularly indoors. Please continue to wear your mask, stay at least 6 feet apart when engaging in conversation, and wash your hands frequently.

REMINDER: Tune in to TV Channel 970 for our Mini Confab broadcast tomorrow, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. Resident Bill Gayle will share information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.

Sincerely,



Sean Huyett
President and CEO