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Communiqué

Coronavirus Update

Announcing the New Willow Valley Communities Testing Center

As 2020 comes to an end, this past year has given us much to be thankful for, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. I expect that most of us, however, are ready to turn the page and start a new year, . . . so, Happy New Year! This last Communique of 2020 will focus on the establishment and utilization of the WVC Testing Center.

As shared recently on the weekly COVID-19 Update TV broadcast, beginning next week we will offer Point of Care (Rapid) Testing to our Independent Living Residents. For the foreseeable future, a newly-established Testing Center will operate out of The Clubhouse on the Manor Campus on Thursdays and Fridays. (Note that in addition to providing COVID testing for Independent Living Residents, the Testing Center will also administer universal COVID testing for non-healthcare Team Members).

Eligibility Requirements:

- You must be an asymptomatic Willow Valley Communities Independent Living Resident. (If you have COVID -19 symptoms, please contact Residential Nursing.)
- The test offered at our WVC Testing Center does not meet the requirements for pre-medical procedure testing—contact your medical provider to arrange for the appropriate test.
- You must have a qualifying reason for being tested. Reasons include:
 - ◊ Returning from travel outside of Pennsylvania;
 - ◊ Planning to travel outside of Pennsylvania;
 - ◊ Exposure to someone who has COVID-19 or who is being tested for COVID-19.
- This is a guided self-test; with guidance from our team, you must be able to perform the nasal swab collection on your own.
- This is not a ‘walk-in’ clinic. You will need to secure an appointment with an Amenity Pass through the Living Forward app. Contact your Resident Life Coordinator if you need assistance with the app.
- You may not sign up for frequent or routine COVID testing (example: every day). Testing is being provided by Willow Valley Communities to promote a healthy environment. While testing is being offered at no charge to you, we need to be prudent with our resources.

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- You will need to complete a Testing Center registration form prior to your Testing Center appointment. This form is available on the app when you make your appointment, or on the Resident Intranet at this location:

Resident Intranet → Administrative Resources → COVID POC (Rapid) Testing Registration Form

Testing will be performed using the Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card, a point of care (rapid) test. Your time at the testing site will be approximately 10-20 minutes. If a participant tests positive for COVID-19, he or she will be notified of that result by the end of the same day. If you do not receive notification by the end of the day, then you have tested negative for COVID-19.

The first available testing dates at The Clubhouse will be:

- Thursday, January 7, 2021 | 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Friday, January 8, 2021 | 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Subsequent testing will be held on Thursdays and Fridays weekly. Please use the Living Forward app to sign up to be tested if you meet the aforementioned testing criteria. If you need assistance with the app, contact your Resident Life Coordinator.

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

On Monday, December 28, 2020, Willow Valley Communities partnered with Omnicare, a CVS Health Company, to administer the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to skilled care Residents and Team Members at The Glen. In recent weeks, the CDC has revealed their recommendations for vaccination priorities, as well as their plan for distribution of the vaccine. The phased distribution prioritized health care workers and skilled care Residents. On Monday, January 4, 2020, skilled care Residents and Team Members at Lakeside will receive their vaccine. Subsequently, we anticipate that personal care Residents and Team Members will receive the vaccine following those in skilled care.

As we have shared with you previously, Willow Valley Communities has registered for early distribution of the vaccine; we remain committed to expedite the administration of the vaccine for Independent Living Residents when it is received. Please note that it is unclear if the CDC will provide vaccine directly for Independent Living Residents; however, our COVID-19 Response Team continues to identify ways to mitigate risk to our community and will continue our robust efforts to acquire the vaccine. Individual questions related to a Resident getting the vaccine should be directed to your primary care physician.

We continue to recommend that you watch the COVID-19 Update TV broadcast for updates about the vaccine and other COVID-19 related topics.

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