



July 28, 2021

Dear Residents and Employees,

We continue to monitor the increasing number of COVID-19 cases being reported in Montgomery County. The large increase in cases is being driven by the Delta variant of the virus. A few facts about the virus within the county have been reported on the Montgomery County Department of Health website:

- The **percent of positivity rate on tests** increased from 1.5 percent to 2.4 percent (and increased 1.9 percent from its low point some two weeks ago)
- The **total number of new cases** rose from 119 to 152
- The **incidence rate per 100,000 residents** increased from 14 to 18
- The average daily number of hospitalizations rose from 12 to 16
- The average daily number of patients on ventilators increased slightly from 1.6 to 1.7
- The percentage of emergency room visits due to coronavirus symptoms increased from 0.8 to 0.9 percent.

The countywide increases are similar to increases being seen across the state, as Pennsylvania's positivity rate also shot up to 2.8 percent.

The vast majority of cases are in unvaccinated individuals, although a number of breakthrough cases have occurred in people who have received the vaccine. Fortunately, those who have been vaccinated are not becoming as sick as they might be without the vaccine. Nevertheless, we are still concerned with the trends.

At this point we should all continue to be vigilant under our current guidelines. A few highlights of our current guidance are:

- All visitors to campus should continue to check-in at the front desk or Health Care Center entrances for screening.
- All visitors should continue to wear facemasks when in Carlton Commons or public areas.
- We strongly suggest that you should only invite visitors to campus who have been fully vaccinated.
- Children under age of 12 are not permitted in dining venues since they have not been approved for vaccination.
- If you have a child under age 12 visit in your villa or apartment, we strongly suggest that everyone wear a mask, visit outdoors or indoors with windows open and maintain social distance.
- Anyone who travels internationally is asked to voluntarily quarantine for 10 days upon return, regardless of vaccination status. This means they should refrain from utilizing the dining venues and from entering Carlton Commons or public spaces. They may still be outside and leave campus at their discretion. We will also ask that they have a COVID-19 test upon return and approximately 5 days after their return to Waverly Heights.
- Incoming residents in both Independent Living and the Health Care Center are being required to be vaccinated.

Please note that if the Montgomery County positivity rate climbs above 5%, we would need to review these guidelines and assert some new restrictions for the safety of all residents and employees.

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Our follow-up vaccine clinic for employees this past Tuesday went well. We are currently at 89% for Waverly Heights and 92% for Waverly Care. The deadline for all employees to be fully vaccinated is September 1st, which means all employees must have either already received their first dose of Pfizer or Moderna, or they must receive the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine by August 18th in order to meet the deadline.

We will continue to communicate any important updates as we closely monitor the situation.

Sincerely,



Thomas P. Garvin
President & CEO