



December 22, 2021

Dear Residents and Employees,

As we have all heard the nation continues to experience a drastic rise in the number of COVID-19 cases. The increase was first being driven by the Delta variant, and is now spreading much faster with the Omicron variant which has proven to be highly transmissible, especially in the unvaccinated. We have two employees who have tested positive in recent days with breakthrough infection of COVID-19. Out of an abundance of caution we tested residents in the area where one person worked and all tests results were negative.

The Montgomery County positivity rate has increased to 10.32% as of Wednesday, December 15th. The Main Line Health System reported their four acute care hospitals are up to 125 COVID-related inpatients with 34 in the Intensive Care Units and 6 on ventilators. They indicated that the Omicron variant is responsible for 75% of all new cases and that the spread doubles every 2.8 days making it much more transmissible than the other variants.

We would like to remind everyone that our best defense against becoming infected are to follow these guidelines:

- Everyone should get a booster shot to enhance protection.
- Avoid large crowds where vaccination status is unknown.
- Wear facemask properly covering nose and mouth.
- Strongly consider only surrounding yourself by people who have been vaccinated. Children over the age of 5 are now eligible to be vaccinated, so be sure to check their vaccination status when deciding to visit.
- Practice social distancing as much as possible.
- Wash hands frequently

Waverly Heights will continue to require all visitors to the Commons Buildings to be fully vaccinated and must show proof of vaccination upon check-in at the main entrance.

It is critical that if you feel sick or have been exposed to someone who has tested positive, please notify the Wellness Center immediately at extension 8746. COVID-19 testing can be completed on-site only for those who are either symptomatic or have known exposure.

Thank you for all you are doing in our ongoing battle against the pandemic.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Garvin
President & CEO