



SUNNYSIDE VILLAGE

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A Christian Senior Living Community

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Update to Village Independent Living Residents and Staff

There are only two questions ...

... that all of us need to address in the midst of our present situation. I have been thinking a lot lately about the real long-term outcomes after this coronavirus situation settles into whatever it is going to become.

What actions or habits are you going to make permanent to help keep yourself as safe and healthy as possible?" Out of the current virus situation, we have learned that frequent washing of our hands is an important habit that we need to incorporate in our daily activities. We should almost do it routinely without even having to think about the need to do it. Another response that might be appropriate to this question is to carefully pay attention to how we interact with other persons, keeping appropriate physical distances when we are with others and avoiding groups. A third response might be that we will be proactive in seeking professional medical guidance when we do not feel well. I am sure there are other possibilities as well.

What are we going to do to avoid passing along a virus or some other health condition to other persons that we want to interact with through the course of our typical day?" One suggestion is wearing the face-covering or the face mask. People with health issues need to carefully monitor their ability to have face coverings on for extended periods. And stay home or call your doctor if you are not feeling well.

As much as I would like to believe that we could, it's not realistic to believe that the staff at Sunnyside will be able to fully protect every resident and staff member from catching this virus or the next "bug" that might come along. We can only provide guidance for how residents and staff interact personally, and in our common areas across the campus. **But ultimately, every resident and staff member need to take responsibility for their own health and well-being** - being proactive to take care of themselves and their friends.

Let us work together toward that end. May God bless us all with the wisdom we need in this time.

A couple of special notes needing your attention ...

- Housekeepers must receive personal clearance from Debbie Smith or J. David Yoder before entering any resident's home - call Ext. 370 for more information. They will be restricted from coming in unless they have been approved to work on the Sunnyside campus.
- Transportation to essential medical appointments is available at no charge for residents that do not own a car, have quit driving, or have not left campus since March 16 - call Ext. 266 if you need a ride.
- All residents are to use face coverings or masks whenever they are in a common area, in the Community Center, or any other office or lounge area.

- Family members and friends may still drop off goods, such as groceries and prescriptions, for you at the Checkpoint - remind them that you are practicing physical distancing and are avoiding physical contacts such as hugs or handshakes - you can pick up your items there or ask staff to deliver them to you
- Shopping and prescription pickup services - pick up the proper form at the Activities Counter in the Community Center. Please ask for essential items only. We expect that if you are going off-campus on your own that you will take care of these needs when you are out.
- Campus closure with restricted access through the north campus entrance
- Meal Pickup/delivery arrangements with Lakeside Dining
- USPS Mail services: mailboxes are wiped down after the mail has been distributed
- Packages delivered by Amazon, FedEx and, UPS, are dropped off at the Checkpoint and wiped down before delivery on campus
- Bank Hours: Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Staff will continue daily screenings and will wear a face covering when near residents, in your home, in a car, or other confined areas
- Updated information is available on Channel 195 and the *SunnysideConnect* app
- J. David will provide a brief video on Tuesday and Friday on Channel 195 - the video will be running at 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.

Current "No Visitors" Status (*Anyone who is NOT a resident, staff member, an essential campus service provider or from a federal agency at Sunnyside is considered a visitor*)

- ALL persons will be screened, and those not cleared will be turned away
- Family members, guests, and housekeepers are not permitted to enter the campus-we do not know where they have been or who they have been with
- Companion care or medically essential persons are permitted on campus - if it is determined it is necessary that they enter the campus, they must be on our Approved List. They must secure their screening BEFORE coming to your home
- Trades will continue, as necessary, such as plumbers, lawn care, AC service reps, etc.
- IL construction will continue in Village homes where contractors have direct exterior access

Sunnyside Village Chapel

- Chaplain Jarvis Hochstedler will provide a Sunday morning meditation via Channel 195 at 10:40 AM. The service will not be livestreamed.

Emergencies

- Call Ext. 0 with any emergency
- Call your Doctor if you are not feeling well and notify Debbie at Ext. 370

Thank you so much!

J. David Yoder

Executive Director

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