



## SUNNYSIDE VILLAGE

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*A Christian Senior Living Community*

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### Village Residential Living COVID-19 Update

**Happy New Year and best wishes** today as we transition out of 2020 into 2021. We had no idea what 2020 would hold for us 365 days ago, and we face the same position today as we anticipate 2021. But the “new” can also bring hope – we enter 2021 with a sense of renewed hope! We all hope 2021 will provide for the disappearance of the Coronavirus, or at least its management, or that we can avoid catching it.

Hope is also very personal for most of us and lives in the deepest compartments of our hearts. Hope comes with “new beginnings,” whether walking into a new year or when we open our eyes each morning. Ultimately, our hope is centered on the one whose birth we just celebrated exactly one week ago. When our hearts wake up in the morning, we experience joy—and when we experience joy, we share it with others—and that “others-centeredness” is what happens at Sunnyside. And we will do it again with a renewed sense of hope and with more joy to share – all in 2021!

**Word is out...vaccines are on a roll.** We are preparing a plan for when the vaccine becomes available to Village residents. Soon, you will receive a notice inquiring about your interest in the vaccine. Please watch for this in your mailbox and return it to the Corporate office as soon as possible. Your response will give us an idea of the number of vaccines we need on campus. We will share further directions in preparation for the vaccination. The State and the vaccine providers control the actual scheduling for the vaccine clinic on campus, and we have placed our request.

We have been made aware that some doses of the vaccine were allotted to the Sarasota County Health Department. You may wish to check with them to see if the vaccine is available to you. Appointments are required, and vaccines are limited.

Even after the vaccines are out for a while, we will need to continue our Covid-19 protocols— distancing, wearing face masks, sanitizing, and so on. No one knows how long this will go on, but we are planning that this will continue towards summer—and to some degree, it all depends on what happens with the virus.

**COVID-19** continues to rage about us. Many have become complacent and distracted with all the news of the vaccine. Please continue to be vigilant in following the safety guidelines for your safety and the safety of others. Mask, socially distance, and minimize time around others. We are on the verge of turning the tide. It is our prayer that everyone that wants the vaccine gets it soon.

### Coronavirus update

We had one new positive test for a staff member in the Health Center and one in the Village this week. Protocols are in place. Those needing to know have been informed. Regular testing of the Health Services staff is being implemented in accordance with CMS and CDC guidance.

### **Prayer around the lake**

Every Friday, at 4:19 p.m., residents and staff are invited to gather on the sidewalk around the lake for a ten-minute silent prayer for people affected by COVID-19. This is a time for quiet individual prayer while gathering in a distanced setting as Team Sunnyside. You can also join from your lanai or wherever you are.

**Fitness Room Hours** have been extended to 6:00 a.m.– 8:00 p.m., seven days a week. The sign-up sheet and protocols are posted in the exercise room. Please bring your water with you.

### **Chapel Programming**

The weekly worship service will be Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. You have two options for participating in the service, 1) attend the service in person in the Chapel, or 2) attend the service through the live broadcast on Channel 195 or 103 in the Manor and Health Center.

Christian Life Class will resume on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

**Transportation** staff will be taking the temperature of the residents before transporting them to appointments. If the temperature is above 99.6 degrees, the resident will not be allowed on the bus or transported in the vehicle.

### **Visitation Guidance**

- **Permitted on campus** – residents, staff, medical personnel, caregivers, approved housekeepers, local friends and family members, campus service providers, trades, and federal agency personnel.
- **Visit neighbors** in your homes or outside, practicing social or physical distancing. Walk or meet up outdoors with proper physical distancing/face coverings when within 6-10 feet of others.
- **Family and friends from off-campus** should go directly to your home, wear face coverings while on campus and not remain in common areas. Physically distanced walks around the campus are acceptable.

### **What is Happening**

- Screening at the Checkpoint
- Sunnyside Health & Rehabilitation Center and Sunnyside Manor Assisted Living visitation information is available at 371-2729, Ext. 690
- Personal housekeepers permitted if approved by Terrie Kimbrell or J. David Yoder
- Deliveries from Shipt, Instacart, Grubhub, etc. can be left for you at the Checkpoint
- Amazon, FedEx, and UPS deliveries are dropped off at the Checkpoint and wiped down before delivery on campus
- Lakeside Dining meal pickup/delivery; limited in-house dining
- Shopping and prescription pickup services
- Shopping on the Sunnyside bus
- Transportation to essential medical appointments at no charge if you do not own a car, have quit driving, or have not left campus since March 16 – call Ext. 266
- Updated information is available on Channel 195 and the *SunnysideConnect* app

Happy New Year!

J. David Yoder

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