



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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The COVID Briefing has now transitioned to a weekly **COMMUNITY CONNECTION** and will continue to provide information of interest to the Fowler Family. We hope you will prioritize Tuesday at 2pm and tune in to Channel 6 as a time of connection, community, and communication.

- **Good afternoon Fowler Family!**

- **COVID UPDATE:**

- Dallas County continues to experience reduced COVID positive numbers – yesterday Dallas County Health and Human Services reported 188 additional cases and 6 deaths.
- To date, 61 cases of variants have been identified
- **Today's COVID MYTHBUSTER:**
 - **MYTH:** Researchers rushed the development of the COVID 19 vaccine so its effectiveness and safety cannot be trusted
 - **THE FACTS:** According to Johns Hopkins University:
 - Studies found that the two initial vaccines are both about 95% effective — and reported no serious or life-threatening side effects. There are many reasons why the COVID-19 vaccines could be developed so quickly. Here are just a few:
 - The COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna were created with a method that has been in development for years, so the primary component was already developed
 - China isolated and shared genetic information about COVID-19 promptly, so scientists could start working on vaccines.
 - The vaccine developers didn't skip any testing steps; they conducted some of the steps on an overlapping schedule to gather data faster.
 - Vaccine projects were funded immediately
 - Social media helped companies find and engage study volunteers
 - Because COVID-19 is so contagious and widespread, it did not take long to see if the vaccine worked for the study volunteers who were vaccinated.
 - Companies began making vaccines early in the process — even before FDA authorization — so some supplies were ready when authorization occurred.
 - We continue to stress the importance of receiving the vaccine – we anticipate the approval for children ages 12-15 possibly by tomorrow
 - Experts are encouraging parents to vaccinate their children to prevent the residual heart and lung disease can be caused by COVID

- **FOWLER UPDATES:**

- The grounds are looking good as our crew continues the work to clean up from the winter storm and remove the dead shrubbery and limbs.
 - Before we plant anything, we are creating an overall landscaping plan that will accentuate the beauty of our grounds providing color
- I want to remind everyone of the importance of putting in work orders to request maintenance
 - There is a process that we all must adhere to – staff and residents – so that the work is properly assigned, accomplished, and tracked
 - To facilitate good service, it is important that you do not stop a maintenance employee and verbally tell them about a maintenance request
 - Each day, our maintenance team is assigned their jobs for the day and these come out of our TELS system – not from their memories.
 - It is important that all requests and calls are documented
 - Going forward if you stop a maintenance man in the hall, they will redirect you to call the person who can put in a work order for you
 - In Jackson Living center, call the front desk at 214-515-1354
 - In PNCC, call the receptionist at 214-515-1301
 - In FCA, call 214-515-1359 or 214-515-1361
 - In Support Services, contact Sherri Munn
 - Thank you for helping us provide exceptional service
- I also ask for your help in our pest control – please report any unwanted pests promptly to the front desk so that we can immediately notify pest control
- This Thursday is our Butterfly Release at 2pm in the Harwood Garden
 - The Harwood garden is located between Jackson and the Administration Center and Pearl
 - We will line all the walkways and ramps to release our butterflies
 - Chaplain Venessa will have special prayers and she will be accompanied by some visiting area ministers

- **RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS!**

- 5/11 Nancy (JLC)
- 5/14 JoAnne (FCA)
- 5/14 Sheri (PNCC)
- 5/15 Marion (FCA)
- 5/16 Oma (JLC)
- 5/17 Faye (PNCC)

- **RESIDENT MOVE-IN ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 3 Years- Jesse (PNCC)
- 5 Years- Roma (FCA) and Inge (JLC)
- 6 Years- Juana, Wanda, and Robin (FCA)
- 7 Years- Maxine (JLC)
- 9 Years- Jackie and Ila (FCA)
- 12 Years – Pat (FCA)

- **TEAMMATE TUESDAY!**

- Happy Birthday, Carla Hall! Carla's birthday was on May 9.
- Happy anniversary to Jeana Smith! Jeana celebrated 27 years at Fowler on May 9.
- Wishing Marion Hampton a very happy 8-year anniversary on May 15.
- Malena Dickey lifted up Billie Collins. Malena shared, "This woman truly leads by example and honestly cares for all she encounters. Her staff feel valued and appreciated, her residents feel love and respected. I am truly blessed to be led by someone so amazing!"
- It is National Skilled Nursing Care Center Week. This year's theme is, "Together through the Seasons". The American Health Care Association offers insight on the theme: "Together Through the Seasons will honor the collaborative commitment of skilled nursing care facilities and their staff in providing compassionate care to their residents during this unprecedented time. Over the past year, despite the challenges of the pandemic, skilled care centers and their staff have shown an incredible and steadfast commitment to providing quality care and ensuring the safety of their residents. We celebrate your collective effort and the amazing strength and dedication of those who work tirelessly every day to care for and protect frail, elderly, and disabled adults in long-term care. With each new season comes new beginnings, new strategies, and new information. Together we will get through this and together we will begin to heal." I know we at Fowler are so thankful for the loving team who serve in our Carroll Skilled Nursing Neighborhood where we see our values daily.
- Lori Rice rejoined the Fowler team yesterday! Welcome back Lori. Many of you may remember Lori who served as our DON at PNCC from 09 to 12. Lori is now serving as Director of Clinical Services. Lori brings a wealth of knowledge from her years in Nursing Leadership in many capacities. Most recently, she served as a Field RN and Case Manager for Veritas Home Health. We are happy you have decided to rejoin the team, Lori and we know you will make a difference!
- We have four new teammates joining us tomorrow!
 - Welcome Veronica Zuniga! Veronica will serve as part time Dining Service Aide. Most recently, she served as a cashier and server at Rice and Bowl Express.
 - Welcome Latonia Hurth! Latonia is joining us as a C.N.A. on Carroll and comes to us from Dallas Rehab and Wellness Center where she served for 11 ½ years,
 - Welcome Keith Summerling! Keith will serve with us at Fowler as a Floor Technician. Previously Keith served as a Floor Technician at Villages of Lake west, Duncanville Rehab and Methodist Rehabilitation.
 - Welcome Lawealthy Sloan! LaWealthy will also serve as Dining Service Aide on a part time basis. Most recently, she served at Kohl's.

- **Make it a great day on purpose!**

All COVID Updates are posted on our website – www.fowlercommunities.org/covid19/

COVID Hotline: Phone: 214-515-7184 • Spanish Speaking Line: 214-515-1385

Email: Covid19info@fowlercommunities.org

COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week toll-free at 833-986-1919