



## 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:**

- Yesterday, Dallas County announced 407 new cases and 9 COVID related deaths
- Friday, the governor announced that more than 20 million doses of the vaccine have been administered in Texas and 50% of those eligible to receive the vaccine have received at least one dose.
- Yesterday, the CDC announced that we have reached a landmark day - 60% of Americans have received at least one dose of the vaccine.
  - Additionally, more than 4.1 million youth ages 14-17 have been vaccinated
  - 51% of people of color have been vaccinated, which is higher than the 40% of the general population that they represent.
  - This is all encouraging news which is initiating new protocols
- The CDC also made a surprise announcement last week regarding mask wearing – an announcement that surprised even the White House.
  - The CDC new recommendation states that vaccinated people can forego wearing a mask, both inside and outside, except in healthcare facilities.
- What does that mean for us at Fowler?
  - In our licensed area, it means nothing. We are still governed by Health and Human Services and masks must remain in use in healthcare environments, which mean Pearl Nordan Center and FCA Assisted Living.
  - Jackson Living Center residents are 100% vaccinated – we will no longer require you to wear a mask. It will be to your own discretion if you choose to wear a mask
    - JLC Teammates who are unvaccinated, you must wear a mask
  - In FCA independent living where we have not achieved 100% vaccination rates, if you are not vaccinated, we request that you wear a mask.
  - FCA Vaccinated residents, you will choose whether to wear a mask in public, however, if you are in the CD building, you must wear a mask on the elevator and on the first floor as the first floor is licensed to assisted living.
  - Residents and staff, continue to be mindful of those around you
    - Which friends and family members have not been vaccinated – ask the questions, take responsibility for your safety and wear a mask around unvaccinated individuals – and ask that they wear a mask around you

- While the vaccine is 95% effective, we do not know who will fall in the 5% that will contract a serious and possibly a deadly case of COVID
      - We have experienced this in FCA
    - Teammates, if you are unvaccinated, you must continue to wear a mask at all times – from the car when you arrive back to the car when you leave.
    - Teammates, if you are vaccinated and you work in independent living or support services, you no longer need to wear a mask to and from your car or at work
      - If you enter a licensed area or come in contact with a resident from one of those areas, you must wear a mask so keep your masks with you
    - If you are attending worship services in-person in the chapel, you must wear a mask – the chapel is in a licensed area
  - We will continue to encourage Love Your Neighbor Basics in all environments, including the grocery store and other public spaces outside of Fowler
  - Regarding our visitors:
    - In our licensed areas, masks remain
    - In our non-licensed areas, the responsibility is on the visitor and the resident to act responsibly
    - New signage will appear in JLC, FCA IL and The Ebby House that states that vaccinated individuals do not need to wear masks; unvaccinated are requested to wear one.
- **FOWLER UPDATES:**
  - Last week was a wonderful week.
    - We have received lots of positive feedback regarding the Butterfly Release – thank you to Laura Porting and Chaplain Venessa for coordinating that special event
  - The Support Services team is no longer staffed to make deliveries to other buildings in our community.
    - PNCC, JLC, FCA, Ebby House – your staff may return to the Administration Center to pick up mail and packages.
      - We will return to pre-pandemic processes of notification and pickup at the Administration Center by a designated person in each building
  - If you are ordering packages from Amazon or other delivery services, please check your address and make sure you have changed it from our pandemic protocol of delivery to 1234 Abrams, and reverted it back to your actual mailing address.
    - JLC – 1230 Abrams Road, Apartment #, Dallas TX 75214
    - PNCC – 1260 Abrams Road, Apartment #, Dallas Tx 75214
    - FCA AB Building – 109 Juliette Fowler Street, #, Dallas TX 75214
    - FCA CD Building – 105 Juliette Fowler Street, #, Dallas, TX 75214
    - FCA E Building – 1280 Abrams Road, #, Dallas, TX 75214
    - FCA F Building – 5810 Eastside, #, Dallas, TX 75214
  - Older American Month
    - May is Older Americans Month

- Here at Fowler, we believe every day of every month should honor our older Americans!
- Older Americans Month is an annual event dating back to 1963, when President John F. Kennedy designated May as Senior Citizens Month. It was later renamed Older Americans Month, honoring older Americans and celebrating their contributions to our communities and our nation.
- The theme for 2021 is "Communities of Strength."
- Older adults have built resilience and strength over their lives through successes, failures, joys, and difficulties. Their stories and contributions help to support and inspire others. This Older Americans Month, we celebrate the strength of older adults with special emphasis on the power of connection and engagement in building strong communities.
- There are many things we all can do to nurture ourselves, reinforce our strength, and continue to thrive. Connecting with others is one of the most important—it plays a vital role in our health and well-being, and in that of our communities. From finding joy in small things and sharing our stories, to looking at the big picture and giving to others, join us in promoting the ways we are connected and strong.
- As we reach this next level in the pandemic, our reconnection with each other is critical to our health and wellness.
- It is with a heavy heart I let you know about three FCA residents that passed away last week.
  - Bobby S passed away recently. Bobby and his wife Laura moved into FCA in May 2013, and lived in the A/B building. Bobby was a gentle man who loved his wife very much.
  - Helen Z passed away recently. Helen moved into FCA in September 2010, lived in the A/B building, and was a beloved volunteer throughout the Fowler Community.
  - Twylia L passed away recently. Twylia moved into FCA in April 1999, and lived at FCA 22 years in the A/B building. Her daughter, Carol, used to work at Jackson Living Center and was her mothers care taker for many years. Twylia loved living at Fowler and was one of the sweetest people you'd ever meet.
  - Each of these sweet souls will be missed by many, as each has touched out hearts throughout the years.

- **RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS!**

- 5/18 Nancy O (FCA)
- 5/18 Florence M (FCA)
- 5/18 Katie L (FCA)
- 5/20 Catherine H (FCA)
- 5/21 Dora G (JLC)

- No PNCC Birthdays
- **RESIDENT MOVE-IN ANNIVERSARIES:**
  - 2 Years- James W (FCA)
  - 3 Years- Beatrice P (PNCC)
  - 3 Years- Richard S (JLC)
  - 5 Years- Liz B (FCA) & John W (JLC)
  - 6 Years- Malinda C (FCA)
  - 6 Years- Nancy D (JLC)
  - 12 Years – Dona H (FCA)
- **TEAMMATE TUESDAY!**
  - Happy birthday, Rawlei McClanahan! Rawlei celebrated her birthday on May 16.
  - Dovie Bates birthday is today! Happy birthday, Dovie!
  - Tomorrow is Pedro Medel’s birthday! Happy birthday, Pedro!
  - Happy 3 year anniversary to Jenn Garland! Today is Jenn’s anniversary.
  - Today is also Ashley Lewis’s anniversary of one year! Happy anniversary, Ashley!
  - Nicole lifted up Teresa Silva and Emily Martinez for their pursuit of excellence. Nicole noted how neat and organized the housekeeping storage closet was. They even had an inventory system for their supplies. Billie shared these two women have consistently kept this closet in such order and that it is a model example of how we should all keep our supplies.
  - Ann McKinley sent a shout out for Laura Porting for Making a Difference. Ann shared Laura has been helping and planning for big events such as the Tacos and Tunes and the Butterfly release. She has also worked on several large volunteer events.
  - Pam Coit shared, “I met Lisa, who works at the JLC front desk on the weekends. I called her “first impressions” in just speaking with her and watching her with the residents. I know she is making a difference”.
- **Make it a great day on purpose!**

**All COVID Updates are posted on our website – [www.fowlercommunities.org/covid19/](http://www.fowlercommunities.org/covid19/)**

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