



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 reported 765 new cases of COVID
- Our health experts remain extremely concerned about the escalating numbers
 - There are more than 1200 people hospitalized in North Texas up from 300 in June
 - Parkland Hospital is reporting that all their COVID patients are unvaccinated
 - The majority of those hospitalized are 30-40 years old; however, the majority of those dying in Dallas County are 50+
 - Parkland is weighing the need to open another COVID dedicated wing which will then impact the ability to care for other Dallas County residents who need surgeries and treatments
- Our positivity rate in Dallas County has risen to 7.7% which means our residents and staff in our licensed areas who are not vaccinated will return to mandatory weekly testing
 - When we hit 10% positivity rate, the testing goes up to 2/week
- Nationally, the number of COVID cases has quadrupled in the past month to more than 54,000 confirmed cases per day.
- A joint statement from nearly 60 medical groups including the American Medical Association, the American Pediatrics Association and the American Nurses Association is urging every health facility to require workers to get vaccinated, including employees of long-term care facilities
 - Leading Age, the national association of nonprofit senior care providers that we are a member of, has signed the petition to support this call to action
- The Veterans Administration has moved forward with mandatory requirements, as well as Mayo Clinic, joining Houston Methodist who was the first in the country to impose the mandate
- Internationally, the French Parliament passed a mandatory healthcare worker vaccination law
 - They have also implemented a Vaccine Pass for those who are vaccinated – those not vaccinated will no longer be able to enter public spaces such as restaurants, shops, events
- We have reached another critical juncture of the pandemic

- The longer the pandemic continues, the more variants will evolve which then threatens the viability of the vaccine
 - If one person in our licensed areas at Fowler is diagnosed with COVID, it is ruled an outbreak and we will have to stop our admissions for 21 days
 - Keeping COVID out is critical to the health and wellness of our community – physically, mentally emotionally and financially
 - No one should be getting COVID – we have a vaccine which can prevent most transmission and prevent serious illness and death
 - Those who have chosen not to vaccinate are impacting the health and wellbeing of everyone – your actions are contributing to a public health crisis
 - It is our shared responsibility to end this pandemic
 - The time is now for you to do your part – contact your manager to secure your vaccine
 - Regarding masks – all unvaccinated employees, residents, and guests must wear a mask in any building at Fowler
 - Your mask must be worn over your mouth and nose
- **FOWLER UPDATES:**
 - Today is Day 2 of the REAC Mock Survey training at FCA
 - FCA volunteered as a location to train state surveyors whose job it is to determine the safety and wellbeing of housing in Texas
 - Yesterday, the trainers said they were having trouble finding anything wrong at FCA to point out!
 - However, these surveyor candidates are seeing what can be and what should be in all the housing they survey going forward
 - Good work FCA team and thank you for your efforts to improve housing throughout Texas
 - The Ebby House has welcomed another new resident
 - The Ebby House is our residential program for young women and we are grateful for the opportunity to provide a safe home for young women who have been abused neglected or abandoned during their young lives
 - The irrigation company will return to Fowler tomorrow to do significant work around PNCC so that they can finish their assessment
 - Once the assessment is complete, we will then receive their recommendations on what is needed to have a fully functioning sprinkler system
 - We have received our Re-Certification as a Center for Excellence in Dementia Care from the Hearthstone Institute. Today we received the trophy that goes along with this honor – thank you team for always pursuing excellence
 - Tomorrow night, Fowler representatives will attend the DCEO Awards Banquet for Nonprofit and Corporate Citizenship
 - Fowler is a finalist for the COVID Resiliency Award and we are grateful for the recognition and acknowledgement for the work all of us have done together – staff, residents and family members
- **RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS**
 - 7/29 - Felix (FCA)

- 7/30 – David (FCA)
- 8/1 – Eddie (FCA) and Jeanine (JLC)
- 8/2 – Emma (FCA)
- **RESIDENT MOVE-IN ANNIVERSARIES:**
 - 1 Years- Mary Ann (PNCC)
 - 3 Years – Janet & Abeba (FCA)
 - 4 Years – Robert, Liane, & Arturo (FCA)
 - 6 Years – Vicky & Maria (FCA)
 - 7 Years – Beth (FCA)
- **IN MEMORIUM:**
 - This past week, our beloved Helen passed away. Helen had been a resident at Fowler for 5 years and had many friends in our PNCC assisted living community
 - Please reach out to Chaplain Ve for memorial service information
- **TEAMMATE TUESDAY!**
 - Raquel Harpers birthday was yesterday, July 26. Happy birthday, Raq!
 - We have 4 birthdays on the 30th! Happy birthday to Charlotte Jenkins, Ann McKinley, John Robinson and Jamie Rodgers. Hope you all have a fantastic birthday!
 - Remember teammates, you can refer someone and get a referral bonus for part time and full time referrals.
 - A reminder that the last day to make changes to your dental, vision and life insurance is this Friday.
 - Shout out to Angela Jemente for pursuing excellence. Angela helped with admissions last week at PNCC! She kept her cool and sense of humor. Way to go Angela!
 - Cynthia Green, thank you for making a difference while working the floor while there were call ins AND helping administer COVID tests and TB tests for volunteers!
 - Jenn Garland received a compliment in her love of people. Jenn handled a difficult situation with grace and dignity and like a pro.
 - Thank you to Malena Dickey, Laura Porting and Fred Yarbrough for their help in securing and distributing a large donation of more than 1300 smoothies from a food distribution company. And Thank you to Fred Yarbrough for driving to Terrell to pick it up!
- **Make it a great day on purpose!**

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