



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!
- A few months ago, we transitioned our COVID Briefing to the Community Connection in hopes that we would be talking less about COVID and more about our community and the people who live and work at Fowler
- Unfortunately, that is no longer the case
- **COVID UPDATE:**
 - Yesterday Dallas County reported 870 new cases of COVID
 - It is anticipated that those numbers will climb to 1500 per day by mid-August
 - This rise in COVID is happening all over our country as the Delta variant surges
 - Nationally, new daily cases rose 54.2% over the past week, while deaths rose by 31.6% and hospitalizations by 42.2%
 - In Baton Rouge Louisiana, Dr. Catherine O’Neal, chief medical officer and infectious disease specialist at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital stated this week, “There are no beds left. These are the darkest days of this pandemic. We are no longer giving adequate care to these patients.”
 - Texas and Florida lead the surge; Florida hit an all-time high of 11,515 hospitalizations
 - In Dallas, our positivity rate has gone above 10% which means non-vaccinated employees in PNCC will begin COVID testing 2x per week
 - The surge is a result of low vaccination rates
 - Breakthrough in vaccinations account for less than 1% of the surge
 - Those breakthroughs are expected – it doesn’t mean the vaccine doesn’t work
 - Throughout Texas, healthcare systems are mandating vaccines for their employees and affiliations
 - How that impacts us remains to be seen – but it is imperative that we continue to be recognized as a healthcare partner for Baylor Scott and White, Methodist Health System and Texas Health Resources who have all mandated vaccines
 - At Fowler, we have a high rate of vaccinated employees
 - We are proud of our team members and residents who put the needs of others above their own fears or preferences
 - ***This is truly the ultimate Love Your Neighbor Basic!***
 - There are several memes floating around Facebook about the eradication of polio, measles, and smallpox, etc

- These were all diseases of the past – not because we reached ‘herd immunity’ and they ended; but because our population understood sacrifice and commitment to the greater community, and they became vaccinated
 - Many of you will remember receiving the polio vaccine
 - Those who lived in Dallas in 1962, will remember lining up at a school or rec center to get their sugar cube polio vaccine – it is amazing to think that over 700,000 people were vaccinated in 3 days in August of 1962 without a fuss
- The time has come for everyone to step up, without a fuss, and get a COVID vaccine
- We recognize that there are a rare few who have a medical or religious exemption
 - We are defining those exemptions and going forward as you state your exemption, it will be documented and placed in your employment file
 - All new hires will be required to provide vaccination proof
- We remain steadfast in our goal to be 100% vaccinated
 - It is our desire to achieve this goal by choice – it is our culture – it is the Fowler way
 - We should be 100% vaccinated because it’s the right thing to do not because it is mandated
 - For those of you who are sitting on the fence, its time to move forward and be vaccinated
 - I am personally asking you to take this step - for the health and wellbeing of yourself, your family, and our residents
- I also want to remind everyone about the proper way to wear a mask – over your nose and mouth
- **FOWLER UPDATES:**
 - Last week, the winners of the DCEO Nonprofit and Corporate Citizenship Awards were announced – there were more than 500 nominations
 - Fowler was a finalist in the COVID Resiliency category
 - We did not win; however, we were thrilled to be recognized
 - Fowler has been approached by a research team at University of Texas in Arlington to participate in a Senior Fit Program
 - We are looking for individuals to participate in this 9–12-month study
 - The study has been funded by the Communities Foundation of Texas
 - Flyers have been distributed at FCA and Jackson Living Center
 - You may participate if you:
 - Are 65+
 - Have an annual household income less than \$75,000
 - Have a smart phone and wi-fi access
 - Able to walk at least ¼ mile
 - Participants will receive a Walmart gift card for each month they participate
 - If you are interested in participating, please reach out to your manager and we will get you in touch with our friends at UTA

- The irrigation assessment has been completed and we have approved all the recommended repairs and expansion to the system. This work will begin in mid-September.
- We have had some challenges with our phone system which has also impacted our ability to respond to callers at the gates.
 - To resolve these problems, we will be doing a complete reboot of the system **tonight, August 3, at 8pm**
 - The entire phone system, including response at the gates, will be down for 15 minutes
 - Thank you for your patience during this time
- This Saturday is the BvB football game at 7pm at the Cotton Bowl
 - BvB Dallas is a group of young professionals who come together annually to raise money in the cause against Alzheimer's – they play a flag football game at the Cotton Bowl – it's the Blondes versus the Brunettes!
 - To date, BvB Dallas has raised over \$5 Million dollars in 13 years to TACKLE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE in the BIG D
 - For the first time, Fowler will be the recipient of \$10,000 from the proceeds of this game and we would like to have Fowler t-shirts in the crowd
 - If you would like to attend, we have tickets available.
 - Jennifer Garland is coordinating a group to attend, contact her at 214.515.1350
 - Laura Porting will represent Fowler on the field during half time for the check presentation
- Yesterday, we were notified by the Communities Foundation of Texas that we have been awarded \$30,000 in grant money for Storm Relief
 - This money will go towards our \$100,000 insurance deductible on the damage we experienced from the winter storm
- **IN MEMORIUM:**
 - It is with great sadness that the family of Wilma J. announces her passing this past week. Wilma lived at Fowler Christian Apartments for over 13 years and received care in the PNCC rehab several times.
 - Wilma's family wishes to convey their sincere gratitude to each of you, the staff and the residents, who all made Wilma's life so satisfying and rewarding.
 - "Her safety, happiness and friendships were extremely comforting to us knowing that she was living in such a wonderful and caring place."
 - "Because we believe in and are so grateful for the life changing services you provide, we are asking for memorial donations to go to Juliette Fowler Foundation. Please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for each of you, for all you did for our mother. May God Bless each of you!"
 - Chaplain Venessa has information about memorial services
- **RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS**
 - 8/04 – Judy (FCA)
 - 8/05 – Alan (FCA)

- 8/06 - Bob (JLC)
- 8/07- Charles (JLC) & Denise (FCA)
- 8/04- Marcia (PNCC)
- **RESIDENT MOVE-IN ANNIVERSARIES:**
 - No JLC or PNCC Move-in anniversaries
 - 5 Years - Pamela (FCA) & Denise (FCA)
 - 1 year anniversary – Natalie at The Ebby House
- **TEAMMATE TUESDAY!**
 - Wishing Angela Jemente a happy birthday! Her birthday is on August 6.
 - Happy birthday to Bert Meadows! Bert’s birthday is on August 7.
 - Ryan Moreland’s 3-year anniversary with Fowler was August 1. Happy anniversary!
 - Tomorrow, August 4, Patty Hegarty celebrates 34 years at Fowler! Happy anniversary!
 - Lisa Mumford celebrates 7 years with us tomorrow August 4. Happy anniversary, Lisa!
 - Wishing Keyairria Hatton a happy anniversary on August 5. Keyairria has been with us for 6 years!
 - Janette Boutte’s anniversary is also August 5. Happy anniversary Janette!
 - Shout out for pursuing excellence to Raquel, Ryan and Kelly. These three teammates spent last Saturday beautifying the FCA entrance area. Great work you three!
 - We received a shout out in the form of a letter from a resident for Marion. It states, Marion has been very helpful to me throughout my stay at PNCC rehab. She has gone overboard in helping me with some menu difficulties I had. She has personally gone to the kitchen to be sure some adjustments were made. Marion always has a smile when she comes in my room. It’s been as if I had an extra friend here. Way to love people and make a difference, Marion.
 - Jesus Delcampo gets a shout out for loving people. Jesus works in the Jackson kitchen. He took residents orders and served with a smile. A resident wanted to acknowledge him as a hard worker. She shared that he has really worked hard today to get our lunch out hot, and the food not only tastes good but also looks good.
- **Make it a great day on purpose!**

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