



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 796 new cases of COVID. This number represents new cases reported on Friday
 - Today in a press conference, Judge Clay Jenkins reported a staggering 3-day total of 3270 new cases from Saturday, Sunday and Monday, an average of 1090 a day
 - He started the press conference by saying: "The enemy is not Greg Abbott, it's not each other, it's not the unvaccinated. The enemy is the virus itself."
- Dr. Phillip Huang stated that the 18-49 age group is fastest growing group contracting COVID-19 in Dallas County," said Dr. Huang. "The situation is critical."
- Dallas ISD Superintendent Dr. Michael Hinojosa stated on Monday the district is temporarily requiring students and staff to wear face masks
- The county also reported that there are only **14 adult ICU beds available and 2 children ICU beds available** in North Texas – only 2 beds for our children who need critical care; we can do better than that
 - The majority of those hospitalized are unvaccinated
 - While only 1/3 of these beds are occupied by COVID patients, COVID is adding to the strain and overload our healthcare system is experiencing
- Texas Health Rockwall has closed a satellite hospital to pull staff to the main hospital
 - Other hospitals are erecting air-conditioned tents for patient care
- The most critical issue is staffing
- The governor has also directed the Texas Department of State Health Services to use staffing agencies to find additional medical staff from beyond the state's borders since the delta wave is overwhelming current staffing resources.
 - He has asked hospitals to voluntarily limit elective surgeries
- Dallas County positivity rate is 14.6%
- *Nationally and throughout Texas, we have reached a third surge which is projected to be the worst yet*
- On a positive note, vaccines are up in Dallas County

- **FOWLER UPDATES:**

- 31 long term care communities in Dallas are reporting outbreaks
- On Friday, Fowler became one of them

- A Fowler teammate tested positive through our routine testing
- Subsequently all staff and all residents in PNCC Assisted Living in both the Junius and Flora neighborhoods have been tested
- All were negative
- Our teammate who tested positive was unvaccinated; the team member is quarantining at home and has no symptoms
- As of today, we have a single episode with big ramifications
 - Visitation has been limited for our PNCC AL residents – critical care essential visitors only
 - The Skybridge between JLC and PNCC has been closed indefinitely
 - If you wish to visit a resident in Carroll neighborhood, you must enter through the Eastside entrance of PNCC to complete screening
 - We need to minimize traffic between our buildings – as a team member you may only enter a building if you have an essential duty in that building
- If a resident tests positive, our community will have to go back to complete restricted access, we will have to turn away all admissions for 21 days, and the impacted resident would have to be transitioned to another skilled nursing
- All team members must turn in a copy of your vaccination card to HR even if you had your vaccine at Fowler
 - Vaccinations are proving to have high efficacy; however, they are not 100%
 - Each strain has the possibility of reducing your protection
 - Experts do not know if protection wears off over time, or suddenly
 - We are anticipating booster shots by the end of the year
 - Some have suggested that the COVID vaccine will become an annual shot
- Regardless, our best opportunity for “Fort Fowler” to remain healthy and live our best lives, is for all of us to be vaccinated and to maintain our Love Your Neighbor Basics
 - We continue to work towards 100% vaccination
 - Every nonvaccinated team member will meet with either Gentry or Billie so we can understand your concern
- **Love Your Neighbor Basics 3.0**
 - A new Love Your Neighbor Basics card will be distributed tomorrow
 - #1 on the 3.0 list – get vaccinated!
 - You are not only protecting yourself, you are also protecting others – our children under 12 cannot be vaccinated and our best way to protect them is for the rest of us to be vaccinated
 - MASKS:
 - Nonvaccinated team members are required to wear N95 masks always
 - Effective today, all vaccinated team members are required to wear a mask outside of your office
 - All visitors are required to wear masks regardless of vaccination status

- If you are outdoors by yourself, you do not need to wear a mask. Carry your mask with you so that you are prepared if you pass someone
 - Residents in licensed areas are required to wear a mask outside of their apartment unless dining
 - For all other residents, we recommend you wear a mask outside of your apartment
 - Wash your hands frequently or use 60% alcohol-based sanitizer
 - Cover your mouth when coughing and sneezing
 - Limit your exposure in large crowds
 - Stay home if ill
- Front desk staff, you are our gate keepers – you need to monitor all who enter your building for masks
- Remember, wherever you go, all of Fowler goes with you.
 - Its time to put your mask on when you go to church, the grocery store, any public area
- There are things we can control and there are things we cannot – what you can do is get vaccinated; wear your mask; wash your hands; limit your social exposure in large crowds
- Other Fowler announcements:
 - Tomorrow our FCA team will be going through their annual MORE Review – Management Occupancy Review – good luck to our FCA team as they prepare to shine!
 - The Landscaping crew is onsite today trimming bushes 6-12 inches away from the fences in preparation for staining the fences
- **RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS**
 - 8/10- Nancy (JLC)
 - No PNCC Birthdays
 - 8/11 – Gene (FCA)
 - 8/12 – Cheryl (FCA)
 - 8/14 – Sharon (FCA)
 - 8/15 – Becky (FCA)
 - 8/16 – Tamara (FCA)
- **RESIDENT MOVE-IN ANNIVERSARIES:**
 - 5 Years- Bill & Norma (JLC)
 - 8 Years- Florence (PNCC)
 - 9 Years- Wanda (JLC)
 - 16 Years – Judy (FCA)
- **TEAMMATE TUESDAY!**
 - Happy birthday to Kathy Woodson! Kathy’s birthday was on August 8.
 - Amamata Sumaila’s birthday is on August 10. Happy birthday, Amamata!
 - Wishing Rachel Cherian a happy birthday. Her birthday is on August 12.
 - Tina Harris celebrates her birthday on August 14. Happy birthday, Tina!
 - Laura Porting’s 4-year anniversary is on August 11. Happy anniversary, Laura!

- I would like to give a shoutout to our Courtesy Patrol Teammate- Janette Boutte- in the wee hours of Saturday morning we had a resident emergency which required Janette to coordinate with EMS and resident family. The resident and family were very complimentary of how big of a difference Janette's involvement made! Thank you Janette for making a big difference!
- Shout out to Laura Porting who represented Fowler on a panel discussion at the BvB kick off dinner last Thursday night and on the field Saturday night for the check presentation. The BvB game raised money for those of us tackling Alzheimer's.
- Thank you to Jennifer Garland for also attending to represent Team Fowler!
- **Make it a great day on purpose!**

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