



COMMUNITY BRIEFING

January 04, 2022 • 2:00 p.m.

- **Good afternoon, Fowler Family!**
- **Happy New Year!**
- **COVID UPDATE:**
 - While we had hoped that our conversations about COVID would be coming to an end, they are not
 - The United States added more than 1 million people to its COVID 19 case count yesterday
 - This has been attributed to the highly mutated variant as well as a delay in reporting by local governments over the holidays.
 - Regardless, this number is double the previous mark of 590,000 set just 4 days ago in the US which was a doubling from the week before
 - And these numbers do not include all of the in-home test results that are not reported to authorities
 - While the vaccinated are faring well in terms of severity, hospitalization and deaths, the impact has been felt on businesses and organizations with employees isolating at home
 - There is a general belief in the medical community that the Omicron variant has a silver lining: even as case numbers soar to new records, the number of severe cases and hospitalizations have not
 - We have entered a new phase – as we have talked about before, the virus will always be with us; the hope is that this variant will cause so much immunity that it will quell the pandemic
- **FOWLER UPDATES:**
 - We have felt the effects at Fowler as additional team members have gone out on quarantine and others are returning from quarantine
 - A total of 3 vaccinated residents – 2 in the Carroll neighborhood and 1 in the Junius Neighborhood of PNCC - are all experiencing mild to no symptoms
 - Last week, we announced all team members and visitors would return to wearing masks at all times
 - At the time, we stated N95 or KN95 in licensed areas and surgical masks in other areas at all times – no fabric masks as they offer no resistance to Omicron variant
 - We have since learned that surgical masks may not be sufficient and as such, **we want all team members and visitors to wear N95 or KN95 at all times in all building**

- Residents are not required to mask but are strongly encouraged to mask – Love Your Neighbor Basics are still the best defense – Mask, Wash your hands, Sanitize, Distance, and Vaccinate
- **RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS**
 - 1/5- Ellen (JLC)
 - 1/6 – Marlene (FCA)
 - 1/8 – David (FCA)
 - 1/10 – Janice (FCA)
 - No PNCC Birthdays
- **RESIDENT MOVE-IN ANNIVERSARIES:**
 - 1 year- Delores (PNCC)
 - 1 year- Charles and June (JLC)
 - 2 years – Linda (FCA), Jane (JLC)
 - 3 years – Marion (FCA)
- **RESIDENT MEMORIAL**
 - On December 23, longtime resident Larry passed away
 - Larry lived at FCA before moving to PNCC. He served in the military as a dentist and we knew him to be a very gentle and kind man. We all appreciate the love and care he received from the FCA and PNCC teams.
- **TEAMMATE TUESDAY!**
 - Happy birthday wishes to Lisa McKey! Lisa’s birthday was on January 2.
 - Happy birthday to Albert Mares! His birthday is today.
 - Wishing Jamie Rodgers a very happy 5-year anniversary on January 3.
 - Happy anniversary to Janet Mitchell! Janet’s 9-year anniversary is on January 7.
 - Christine Sherman’s 2-year anniversary is on January 7. Happy anniversary, Christine!
- **DIVERSITY, EQUITY and INCLUSION:**
 - **Emancipation Proclamation – January 1, 1863**
 - President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, as the nation approached its third year of bloody civil war.
 - What exactly did the Emancipation Proclamation say? Just 719 powerful words. The full transcript can be viewed in the National Archives. www.archives.gov
 - Some excerpts from the proclamation:
 - Whereas, on the twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among other things, the following, to wit:
 - “That on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free; and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom.

- And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defense; and I recommend to them that, in all cases when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.
 - In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.
 - As declared that all persons held as slaves would be freed. While it's an exciting day to remember in our country's history, it's just as important to remember that not all slaves were freed in the U.S. on this day. It wasn't until June 19, 1865 (now celebrated as Juneteenth) that slavery was ended across the Confederacy as troops rode into Galveston, Texas. Let us not forget Human Trafficking Awareness in the U.S.
 - While history carries its own weight, we all can be a part of the change.
- **Make it a great day on purpose!**

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