



## **July 15<sup>th</sup> Independent Living Community Update**

### **Covid -19:**

Arizona COVID numbers continue to rise but most concerning is that hospital bed availability is shrinking. As a result, we have paused on opening up any more Independent Living services. We stay current with guidelines provided by the CDC, AzDHS and Maricopa County Health Dept. We will continue to monitor and evaluate all of this information and if needed, we may have to pull back on some services. We continue to advise residents who are concerned to call their primary care doctor for information and direction on their health care.

### **How many cases in our Fellowship Square Historic Mesa Community?**

Currently we have three confirmed COVID positive residents among our Independent Living residents two on campus and one off campus. They are all required to complete the 14 day quarantine period. Any other previously reported cases have completed their quarantine period. The Oasis is Covid-free at this time. There are no known staff cases at this time. Praise God!

**Self Quarantine:** We continue to advise residents to stay home and self-quarantine for 14 days if any of the following apply:

- 1) they have a fever or respiratory symptoms
- 2) they are told to by the health care provider that they should self-quarantine
- 3) they test positive for Covid-19 or have been tested and are awaiting results
- 4) they go to a high risk location like a hospital or emergency room

**What happens if a resident tests positive?** Residents who test positive are asked to inform Security so that we can institute our quarantine protocols. It is the responsibility of the testing site to contact Maricopa County Department of Health and they will do contact tracing, however we also ask the resident who they may have been in close contact with so that we can inform them and request they get tested.

**How can you get a test?** Residents should contact their primary health care provider for information on testing if they are concerned. Testing is available locally at FastMed urgent care and CVS. Residents may call life enrichment for transportation information to testing sites.

**Reminder to wear face coverings:** City of Mesa and Maricopa County Facemask requirement – Residents, Staff and Visitors must wear a facemask or cloth face covering anytime social distancing is not possible. Residents and staff are reminded to adhere to the requirement within our community.

### **Regarding our community's next normal:**

- While we are not lifting ALL our restrictions at this time, expansion of our phased in approach is on hold. We have intentionally not given dates to the phased in opening plan so that we can monitor the community spread and adjust accordingly. Again we may have to stall or pull back on services and assess as the situation warrants. In the meantime...

- East/West gates remain locked for a variety of safety concerns. Residents can freely leave and enter main gate on Brown road.
  - Pool restrictions and small group activities expanded June 15<sup>th</sup> to 6 in the pool with 3 time slots M-F and 6 in small group activities. Reservations required. CDC recommends social distance and CLEANING – these recommendations are being followed.
  - Nonessential visitors were welcomed back with precautions on June 10<sup>th</sup> – wearing a mask, to apt only and a brief health screen. Now family/friends can make deliveries of packages or groceries to your door! Please limit your visitors for your safety and others.
  - Package service delivery to your door restarted on June 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - With the grocery and package delivery changes, we have been able to resume twice monthly housekeeping.
- **What is not changing just yet**
    - NO Guests in common areas (pool, dog parks...)
    - Meal service will continue with delivery only.
    - Gyms are not open at this time due to Gov. Order.
    - No transportation except for individual essential medical appts/prescription pickups. Call 480-290-7013 to schedule.
    - Group programs in gym not available, channel 1960 programming continues.
    - Community rooms and common areas open to scheduled activities only
    - Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of common areas
    - No volunteer lead programs – only staff
    - Resident communications will continue to be delivered to apartments.
    - Country Store Deliveries will continue Monday – Friday 10-2
    - Grand beauty shop open by appointment only with precautions

**Heat Advisory:** Temperatures remain dangerously hot outside so please stay inside as much as possible and try to limit any necessary outdoor activity to the morning hours. Remember to DRINK PLENTY OF WATER!

**Census Notice:** You may have received a census form on your door. If you have already completed and returned one, please disregard. If you have two people in your apartment and you need another form or if you have any questions, please contact Life Enrichment.

We promise to be transparent and forthcoming, as situations develop and change. Updates will continue to be communicated in a timely manner via hand delivered notices and on Channel 1960.

Please ask your family members to continue to watch our website and Facebook page for these updates. Have a blessed week and stay well!

2 Cor. 12:9-10 “In our weakness, God exhibits His strength through us”