



July 28th Independent Living Community Update

Covid -19:

Arizona COVID numbers continue to rise. We remain steady on our Independent Living services – continuing with what we have reopened so far but not opening up anything additional at this time (with the exception of Saturday swimming). 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.

How many cases in our Fellowship Square Historic Mesa Community?

Our numbers have not changed since last week. Currently we have two confirmed COVID positive residents among our Independent Living residents who are quarantined on campus. We have a third who is off campus and will be required to complete a 14 day quarantine period when they return. Any other previously reported cases have completed their quarantine period. The Oasis remains Covid-free at this time and 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 implement 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 access as the situation warrants. In the meantime...
 - East/West gates remain locked for a variety of safety concerns.
 - Small group activities continue for up to 6 residents. Please review the Activities Calendar that was delivered to your door.
 - Swimming pools – currently 3 time slots available M-F and Saturday for all pools now including the lap pool. Reservations are required through Life Enrichment.
 - For all activities and swimming - we continue to follow CDC recommendations for social distancing and cleaning.
 - Nonessential visitors were welcomed back with precautions on June 10th – 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 15th.
 - 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 and essential shopping.
 - 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

Water Meter Work:

The City of Mesa water meter project has begun and is expected to continue until August 3rd. Here is what you need to know:

- The construction work is happening in the parking area just north of the front office.
- Water will be shut off to our community on July 21st from 10pm – 2 am.
- The main entrance on Brown Rd will be **entrance only** during project work times which are 5am – 1:30pm M-F.
 - Your alternative exit will be at the gate next to building O.
 - Do NOT enter through the gate next to building O under any circumstances.

Our Leadership: As you are probably aware, Kristie Larsen, our Executive Director will soon be transitioning to leadership at our Phoenix location. A replacement has not yet been found as our corporate human resources team are taking exceptional care to ensure that they find just the right person. In the meantime, Kristie will continue to serve Fellowship Square Historic Mesa until that person is found. We will introduce the new Executive Director right here on our internal television channel so keep watching!

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!

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!