

Cameron Woods Family

Update 5/22/20

Greetings to families and friends! My apologies in not updating the website more frequently. I try to do a daily resident newsletter to pass information along but have been negligent in getting one out on the website.

We have remained diligent in maintaining recommended restrictions the past several weeks since the initial outbreak of COVID19 in our area. Anyone coming from outside the building is screened at the main entrance. All staff, contractors and delivery drivers are also screened when entering. To date, we have not had as much as a sniffle from any of our residents. We continue to monitor everyone daily with a temperature check and watch for any potential problems. We have doubled down on the frequency of sanitizing “touchable” surfaces. Our staff are required to wear a mask while on duty, and caregivers are highly encouraged to do so as well. We have had three employees tested “just in case,” for COVID19 who had illness at home. All three remained off work until their tests came back – all were negative for the virus.

****Are we still under a *Lock Down*?****

No, and we never have been. We are an “unlicensed” senior living community, meaning we do not have the same rules and regulations as other licensed “nursing home” type facilities. We have no nursing or other healthcare professionals on staff. Our residents chose Cameron Woods to maintain their independence, and they, along with their families make their own decisions about their health and well-being. We do our best to advise our residents and families best practices but cannot isolate anyone to their room unless they show signs of an illness. If that were to happen, their family and physician would be immediately contacted for the next steps in their care.

To this point we have recommended that only needed caregivers be in the building. Family and friends have been welcome to visit outside while practicing appropriate distancing.

****Some changes in restrictions****

When the governor allowed beauty shops to open this past week, we had several ladies who wanted to get out to make themselves more beautiful. I felt it was necessary to open our in-house shop as well, in order to keep the number of residents out in the community down to a minimum. We also are reopening the dining room service soon to serve half of our folks at each meal, with the other half getting room service. We have

several folks with “cabin fever,” who need the socialization, as well as the exercise to get them out of their rooms. Too many are spending long lengths of time in their recliners, getting weak legs which leads to poor balance and falls. They need to get out and active. We continue to recommend limiting visitors in the building, but will allow one or two family members in a resident’s room, and ask that they wear a mask and maintain social distancing. Visiting outside is still the best choice.

We also strongly advise our resident NOT to go out shopping, or to the beauty shop/etc.. Needed doctor’s appointments and dental/hearing issues are essential reasons, but getting your nails done is not. We continue to do their shopping and prescription pick-ups for them with no additional charge. None of our residents ever had an issue getting toilet paper or sanitizer at the Woods! We also have been allowing residents to charge their shopping to their room rent for those who do not have access to cash or a credit card.

This is new for most of us, but our country (and many of our residents) have seen times like these before. We are doing our best to keep your loved one safe and secure while maintaining their independence. This is what Cameron Woods is all about. I invite you to call (260-624-2197) or email me anytime (bnoyes@cameronmch.com) for any further questions you may have.

Lastly – I certainly appreciate ALL of the positive comments and support coming in from families about the care their loved ones are receiving here at Woods. We are doing our very best to meet our residents needs for a safe, secure and pleasant home for their retirement. We will all get through this together.

Many Thanks -

-Brad

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