June 24, 2020

TO OUR RESIDENTS, FAMILIES AND TEAM MEMBERS:

As part of a State of Texas mandate ordered by Governor Greg Abbott, all residents and employees who reside or work on the fifth through eighth floors of The Vista were tested for COVID-19. We are pleased to report that all test results were negative.

Yesterday, Dallas County reported a record 445 new COVID-19 cases, a significant increase from the county’s previous one-day high and has started to cross the 400-case threshold consistently. The United States has the most confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths world-wide. The following table presents recent COVID-19 cases, deaths and recoveries at the national, state and county level:

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| **Location** | **Confirmed Cases** | **Deaths** |
| US | 2,364,874 | 121,662 |
| Texas | 122,932 | 2,236 |
| Dallas Co. | 17,744 | 324 |

COVID-19 hospitalizations have increased by 40% over the last two weeks. Dallas County recently reported that 470 patients are currently hospitalized with the virus. Emergency-room visits for COVID-19 symptoms also rose to nearly 600, accounting for more than a quarter of all emergency room visits. County officials and health experts have focused on hospitalizations, ICU admissions and emergency room visits to determine guidelines for everyday activities during the pandemic. On Sunday, June 21, 2020, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins reported that Dallas County is experiencing a second wave of COVID-19 exposures.

The most recent orders from Governor Abbott and Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins are attached for your convenience. These orders continue to prohibit visits to our CC Young campus with the state order continuing in effect until amended or rescinded, and the Dallas County order extending until August 4, 2020.

Important Dallas County COVID-19 information and data is also included. **Please review this information as it provides significant insight to why our COVID-19 protocols are so important to remain in place.**

Even in the midst of these announcements, we have found ways to celebrate life with joy and expand activity on campus while maintaining social distancing and CDC guidelines. We started Phase I campus re-openings in June with small groups and movies in The Point, small “live” audiences for some of our TV broadcasts, and an outdoor Bocce Ball tournament. Phase II campus re-openings will begin in July adding a patriotic gathering under the breezeway, two campus “contests” (details to follow), more small group activities including some special art classes in The Point, more Bocce Ball – with tournaments weekly and open practice times, and even something completely new: “Baby Bus” tours. And, The Vista’s gift shop is open for some retail therapy.

Perhaps the biggest thing to celebrate is **PS Salons returns to The Overlook as of June 29**! Initially, the salon will be open weekdays with 2 stylists at a time. M-W-F will be designated for Independent Living residents. T-TH will be reserved for all other residents. Appointments will be required in advance and the stylists will be calling their clients to schedule the appointments. If you are not an Independent Living resident or a current client, contact your administrator for more information.

Look for July’s new “Lifestyle Guide” (Staycation Guide/Campus Corner/Point calendar combo) coming soon with full details for the whole month. Rest assured our team is already working on special events for August and beyond.

Stay safe!

Russell Crews

President and CEO