December 27, 2021

**URGENT NOTIFICATION**

**COVID-19 UPDATE TO RESIDENTS, RESIDENT FAMILIES, ALL STAFF, BOARDS OF DIRECTORS AND CAMPUS PHYSICIANS:**

As of December 22, 2021, Dallas County is reporting a COVID-19 positivity rate of 10.8% which is double the rate over the last several weeks. Since the 10.8% Dallas County positivity rate is being reported prior to Christmas family gatherings, we are anticipating the positivity rate will increase even more after the holidays. Dallas County has elevated the COVID-19 risk level to extreme caution as of today.

The most recent variants of COVID-19 are extremely contagious. Although the vaccines and booster shots have been proven very effective in preventing a catastrophic COVID-19 episode, the vaccines do not provide absolute protection. Over the last few days, we have had several employee- and resident-confirmed COVID-19 positive cases. All but one employee and all residents who have tested positive have been vaccinated. The COVID-19 vaccine does not prevent being infected nor prevent the transmission of COVID-19 on our campus. Each of the positive COVID-19 episodes has been subsequent to some type of family interaction.

We urge any unvaccinated employee, resident, or resident family member to receive the COVID-19 vaccination and/or booster for your own protection and for the protection of our entire CC Young campus.

Most of our COVID-19 positive employees and residents have experienced no symptoms or extremely mild symptoms, initially perceived as just allergies. The lack of symptoms (or even symptoms that seem to be just allergies) is creating an environment that makes it difficult to detect active COVID-19 cases in a timely manner. We have even had a CC Young resident become COVID-19 positive during an ongoing hospital stay.

With the rate of spread and positive cases, we strongly encourage you to follow our COVID-19 protocols:

1. WEAR YOUR MASK whenever around people – including when in The Point, off-campus, and even if not alone in your own apartment (or your loved one’s apartment).

2. Practice social distancing and stay at least 6’ away from others.

3. Wash hands frequently.

4. Eliminate group gatherings to limit the frequency of your potential exposure to COVID-19.

5. To minimize the effects of the virus, get vaccinated and get the booster shot if you have not already done so.

CC Young is able to test residents, employees and families, as needed. If someone you have been in contact with is testing positive for the COVID-19 virus, let your administrator or supervisor know. We can arrange testing for you and your families. We continue to offer vaccinations and boosters to those interested.

We are currently assessing our campus protocols and year-end plans. We will update you with any changes as they occur. Meanwhile, we rely on you to be cautious and responsible as we work through the next several weeks of these highly contagious COVID-19 variants.

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President and CEO