
WESTMINSTER CANTERBURY WEEKLY SUMMARY – MAY 20, 2021 – 3 P.M.

John Burns

COVID-19 Updates

On Monday, we announced changes to our masking guidance in line with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) new guidance regarding masking for fully vaccinated people in non-healthcare settings.

Mary Morton Parsons Health Center, Assisted Living and Rehab are considered healthcare settings. Masks are required for anyone in these areas. Fully vaccinated Independent Living residents and outside visitors may choose whether to be masked in public settings around our community. While we will not require proof of vaccination, we ask each individual to take personal responsibility for being honest about vaccination status when choosing whether or not to wear a mask.

Some who are fully vaccinated are choosing to continue wearing a mask. All employees and contractors are required to continue wearing a mask everywhere on campus. We will continue to monitor local positivity rates, vaccination rates and the latest guidance before changing this policy.

Employees and contractors who are outside may remove their masks as long as they maintain social distancing of six feet or more from others. If social distancing is not possible, employees and contractors are required to wear their mask anytime they are around others.

Screening is still required for all employees and visitors to Westminster Canterbury. All Visitor Screening takes place at the Avalon Entrance. We are required to screen everyone who enters Parsons Health Center or Assisted Living. Screening all employees and visitors is the only way we can ensure that anyone who enters those areas has been screened. Our compliance with 100% screening is required for now. We expect this to change but do not know when that will happen.

This week the Clinic has seen a few residents presenting with symptoms of fever and tiredness. Please remember that while fully vaccinated residents do not have to mask outside of Parsons Health Center, Assisted Living and Rehab, you should mask if you have a fever, respiratory and/or flu-like symptoms. If in doubt, please wear a mask.

The Clinic reminds residents to take care of your COVID-19 vaccine records or cards. The Clinic only has a limited supply available. If you are worried about losing your vaccination record, you may want to take a photo of your card on your cell phone so that you always have a record of it with you.

We are working on additional changes to programs and services in line with the Governor's changing guidelines that go into effect on May 28. We will share more details next week.

Vibrancy!

In today's edition of *The Westminster Canterbury Tales*, we shared some details about the upcoming *Vibrancy!* project and other construction projects that will begin in June. John provided the following overview. Please watch the video for details.

A new Parking Deck structure is coming to the location of the current Parsons Health Center Parking Lot, next to the Child Development Center and The Gables. The new parking deck will feature parking for approximately 400 staff, Parsons Health Center and Assisted Living visitors and contractor vehicles. In addition, fifty ground level parking spaces will be created for handicap spaces, short-term drop off and guest vehicles. The parking deck will have five parking levels, elevator access and two electric car chargers on the lowest garage level with wiring for two additional chargers on each of the three upper levels. Our team evaluated several different charger types and will add charging stations around the existing campus for residents and guests with electric vehicles soon. Parking deck construction documents will be completed on June 1. Construction will start in July with the goal for completion near the end of November. The design is for precast concrete fabrication. The deck will be delivered in large sections, shortening construction time to four to five months.

Because the Parsons Health Center Lot will be closing for construction, a temporary parking area for employees will be constructed on the former Azalea Mall portion of the site.

In June, to prepare for the Promenade renovation, portions of the Ellipse will be fenced off and cleared. On June 2-4, this includes removal of the willow oak and other trees on the Ellipse. As Kathleen Pender shared last month, there are plans for repurposing wood from the willow oak into the Promenade and other projects. Our team of arborists and the *Vibrancy!* construction team advise that the process for drying the tree will require curing time over two summers.

Accounting Offices

The Accounting Offices are moving to Pavilion Second Floor next week. Russell Gardner, CFO, and his administrative assistant, Victoria Reese, will relocate to the lower level of Avalon. The phone numbers for our Accounting team members will remain the same.

Jessica Goldberg

Package Lockers

We are introducing a process that is a secure way to speed up package delivery for residents. Independent Living residents receive approximately 1,000 packages a month. The number continues to rise as ordering items from the internet becomes routine. At the end of June, package lockers will be installed at the Tower and Center. These lockers will be in use starting July 1.

Package lockers are secure. Once you receive a package, you will receive an email from the locker telling you that your package has arrived. You will no longer need to visit the Front Desk to retrieve your package. You will pick up your package at a locker with a code you get in your email. Staff will assist residents without email.

More instruction, additional information and an introductory video will be provided before we begin to use the package lockers. In the coming weeks, we will publish times when residents will be invited to learn more about the lockers.

Vanessa Perry

Pastoral Care

Please check today's issue of *The Westminster Canterbury Tales* for the announcements about upcoming Pastoral Care programming.

Excerpts from the poem Endings and New Beginnings (Author Unknown)

The time we all spent has come to an end
The things we know will become our past
But the things we do will guide us into the future
We will make a path towards a brighter destination

The past holds many things we hold dear to us:
The experience of growth
The feelings we gained
The friends we met, may them be old or new

The result of blossoming love
Having our hearts broken
Repairing or rebuilding relationships
Death of precious people we cherished

Although we don't know what's ahead
We know it will hold great and bad fortune
Because it's something we don't know
That's what makes it fun to not know what's ahead

We will see new beginnings of life
Endings won't separate us, only death can

However let's say goodbye to an old year
And let's welcome the next one
What lies up ahead may be a mystery
But we must welcome it