

# The Update



OCTOBER, 2020

## SUNSET COMMUNITIES' COVID-19 UPDATE

Sunset House, The Woodlands and Sunset Village in accordance with the State of Ohio's will begin October 12th to offer **inside visitation** for Assisted Living and Nursing Home residents. Each building has specific guidelines, including days and times for visits, which it follows to make sure the visitations are conducted in the safest way possible for our residents and their guests. **We are seriously considering requiring all persons visiting residents inside our nursing and assisted living homes be routinely tested for COVID-19. Visitors will need to provide negative results to be able to visit. A final decision on this requirement should be in place by October 3rd. Please visit [www.sunset-communities.com](http://www.sunset-communities.com) for specific guidelines.** Inside visits will require screening, masks, social distancing, limited visitation time and designated spaces. Additionally, visits will be prohibited in any area of the building if there is active COVID-19 cases, and residents in specific areas of the building may need to be isolated.

Check with the facility that you intend to visit for any additional protocols it may have in place. All visitations **MUST BE SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE.**

## MANDATORY COVID TESTING FOR SUNSET ASSOCIATES

Mandatory COVID testing for Sunset Associates is being currently being conducted. This is offered based on the percent of cases in Lucas County. Lucas County is at 6.5%, and therefore Sunset House and Sunset Village are testing associates weekly to help eliminate the spread of the virus.

## WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Each year, a team from Sunset Communities participates in the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's. This year the walk won't be a large in-person gathering due to current conditions but rather, you are encouraged to walk with small teams of family and friends while others do the same on **Saturday, October 10th.** Please visit [www.act.alz.org](http://www.act.alz.org) for additional walk information. Thank you!

## FLU VACCINE CONSENT AND UPDATED INFORMATION

Flu Vaccine consent forms have been mailed. If you did not receive one, please check with the staff.

Also, everyone should have recently received a face sheet for their resident who lives in a Sunset Community. Please take a few minutes to review this document to correct and update the information on this sheet, including new Medicare numbers.

It is a vital piece of information which we use to keep you informed and updated on your family member, and especially information going on and around our communities. Please return to your residents building as soon as possible.

## OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR MEDICARE

Please be advised, that the period for Medicare Open Enrollment is fast approaching. This year, beginning **October 15 through December 7, 2020**, all individuals who live in the community and have Medicare, can make changes to their health and prescription drug plans for the upcoming year. Coverage will begin January 1, 2021. Those residents in our skilled nursing areas are allowed to make changes monthly.



It is during this open enrollment period, when individuals with Medicare can change their health and prescription plan to better meet their health care needs. Always review the plan materials including the Evidence of Coverage (EOC) and Annual Notice of Change (ANOC).

If you are satisfied with the coverage of your current plan, you needn't do anything. You can decide to stay in original Medicare or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (such as an HMO or PPO). If you're already in a Medicare Advantage plan, you may use the Open Enrollment period to switch back to Medicare. Additional information is available at [Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov) and or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE.

Sunset Communities cannot handle open enrollment for you, however, our business office at either campus, may be able to answer any questions you have.

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SUNSET VILLAGE

ASHANTI HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE  
FIELDSTONE VILLAS at Sunset Village



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SUNSET HOUSE

### LIVE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

Sunset House has been using the nice weather to have a host of musical performers entertain our residents while socially distancing outside. Residents enjoy the variety of music from oldies to classics.



THE WOODLANDS

### THE WOODLANDS "WILD" SEPTEMBER

September was full of wonderful and wild times at The Woodlands. Residents celebrated Banana Split Day, with a Banana Split bar. They decorated their own Tote Bags. Many Woodlands residents lived "Life on the Wild Side" by



getting tattoos (temporary), coloring their hair bright colors (temporary again), smoking candy cigarettes and tie dying t-shirts!



FIELDSTONE VILLAS AT SUNSET VILLAGE

### FIELDSTONE VILLAS "SOCIALY DISTANT" OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED

Have you ever wondered what the inside of the Villas at Fieldstone Villas looks like? Stop by the Villas on **Saturday, October 10th between 11 am—1pm** to check out one of our super cute Villas models!

Guests will be able to safely tour a never-lived in Villa and check out the Clubhouse. All safe and socially distant precautions will be taken to ensure everyone's safety. Please call Heather at 419-386-2686 for additional information!



SUNSET VILLAGE

### VIDEO CHATTING WITH UNIVERSITY MAJORETTES!

Learning that a few of the Sunset Village residents enjoy watching the majorettes perform, our Life



Enrichment team has reached out to several universities to arrange video call sessions with majorettes. So far, Sunset Village residents will be chatting with majorettes from Syracuse University,



Auburn, The University of Texas and Austin Peay State University!



Thank you to these majorette/students for taking the time to talk with our residents.



### FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

The Veterans group at Sunset Village enjoyed a flag raising ceremony hosted by VFW Post 606. Our thanks to the Veterans for helping to honor our country, flag and veterans.



ASHANTI HOSPICE

### WHAT FINANCIAL BURDEN IS COVERED BY HOSPICE

When someone is placed on hospice care, families wonder who pays for what services. Typically, the client will revert back to Traditional Medicare Part A. Hospice is covered under a Part A Medicare benefit, so the client/family will not have any cost associated with hospice services. Not only is hospice a covered benefit, but any medications that the client is on or is related to the diagnosis that they are receiving hospice services for, are generally covered and paid for as well.

If a client resides in Assisted Living, incontinence products and nutritional supplements they may use are also covered by hospice. In addition, medications, some supplies, medical equipment such as a hospital bed, oxygen, breathing supplies, and bedside commode are covered. Many times, once an individual begins receiving hospice services, they'll see a decrease in expenses for some items, that they previously paid for.

If you have questions about hospice services or to arrange an informational meeting, please call 419-724-1047.