

April 12, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: CAREGIVERS / CLIENTS

FROM: Kevin Grant, Executive Director

Cc: Staff and Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Gilmore, Jr., Chairman of the Board

RE: Reopening of the Gilmore Center
Set for Monday May 3rd, 2021.

We are pleased to inform you that the Gilmore Center will reopen on Monday, May 3rd, 2021. Our hours of operation will be from 7:30am to 5:30pm the month of May. We will resume our normal hours of operation the week of June 2 from 6:30am to 6:30pm. Please visit the website at www.gilmoreadc.org for the latest information on the Maryland Dept of Health reopening guidelines.

First, we are pleased to report that the Maryland Dept of Health is only allowing clients to return who can show proof of a vaccination and the staff also will be required to show that they received the vaccine, as well. So, while on site at the center, we will effectively be operating at “herd immunity” with everyone being vaccinated and tested.

Sanitation

Second, for client convenience, the center has installed new soap dispensers in the men’s and women’s bathrooms in addition to sanitation stations throughout the center. Each morning when your loved one arrives, they will enter through UV lighting, they will have their temperature checked and they will be required to answer the routine list of questions provided by the CDC. This is intended for us to design and conduct a COVID19 contact tracing program.

Meal Services

In addition, we will limit meal functions to three persons per table and for social activities all seating will be spread 6’apart. Masking up is a requirement.

Quarantine

If it ever turns out that someone exhibits symptom or that the center has a COVID19 positive reading from anyone, the center will close for a 14-day quarantine.

Disinfectant Services

Through a generous grant from the state, the center has disinfected and cleaned all the common areas used by center clients. All bathrooms, dining hall, nurse infirmary and the like have been deep cleaned and disinfected.

Bathroom Breaks

All CNA's will supervise bathroom breaks by using the added protection of face shields, masks and gloves and they will be scheduled to ensure nonphysical contact with other clients.

Transportation

Finally, we would appreciate those of you who use Metro Access to activate your accounts. Those of you who use the Gilmore Center transportation, please be advised that we are commending you drop off and pickup your loved one during the month of May. We hope to resume transportation services in the beginning of June once we evaluate the status of the situation overall.

Social Activities / PGCC SAGE

Because we are in the middle of a trimester from the community college, instructors from SAGE will be returning in June for the summer term.

Visitor's Policy

We are discouraging any visits to the center from caregivers or family members except for those who are dropping off or picking up a loved one for medical appointments.

The center will not be resuming therapy (PT/OT) services until after 90-days following the date of reopening or until the month of July.

Finally, we will begin the practice of going outdoors to the backyard area of the center to provide a break from mask-wearing. This will give your loved one the

opportunity to breath fresh air and to re-group from having to wear a mask the entire time they are with us.

Also, please be re-assured that we will work with your loved one to be certain they wear their masks at all times while at the center. In addition, we will be requesting staff to undergo weekly COVID19 testing and if at all possible, would like to encourage that clients to the same for themselves and their loved ones.

To recap / checklist

- The center hours of operation for the month of May will be from 7:30am to 5:30pm
- All clients must mask up and will be required to have proof of vaccination in order to return to the center
- UV lighting will be active upon entering the center and all CDC questions on COVID19 will be administered
- Temperature check upon entering the center
- Social distancing for meal functions and activities
- Ban on visitors until further notice
- No transportation services until July