

June 8, 2020

Dear St. John's Meadows and Brickstone by St. John's Residents,

As we begin week 14 of closures and begin Phase II of re-opening, we know everyone is curious as to what changes will be seen at St. John's Meadows and Brickstone by St. John's. Our team has been preparing to open what we can and do our best to provide those services as soon as possible while not jeopardizing anyone's health.

The Dining Services department is preparing to open the dining room when Phase III goes into effect. If all goes according to plan, Monday June 29 will be our re-opening date. Please anticipate limited seating, additional seating times, and expanded hours. Dining Services Director, Stacy Salmon, will be sending out a detailed informational notice related to the re-opening of the Dining Room.

Transportation availability will increase for resident need starting on Tuesday June 16. There will continue to be reduced seating as social distancing will remain in effect. Contact Transportation Services to schedule a ride.

Social recreation programing will begin scheduling the following events; wellness services, live streaming and pre-recorded musical performances, and movies as Phase IV allows. We are pleased to announce we have hired a part time Fitness Instructor. Her name is Jodi DeRosa and she begins on Monday July 6. Jodi is certified in multiple disciplines of fitness training and very passionate about wellness, we are eager to have her join the team.

As some of you may be aware, the hair salon will be operational at the end of this month, we are waiting to confirm with Jackie Cushman her official return date.

We have placed outdoor seating in front of Chestnut Court and both the Briarwood and Chestnut Court courtyards so that you can gather and enjoy each other in the fresh air. We will be receiving all new outdoor furniture for the new Briarwood patio the first week of July and will put in place as soon as the delivery arrives.

We have begun the mandatory NYS Department of Health testing of all Hawthorne employees and employees who are required to provide services to Hawthorne. To date we have performed over 100 tests to our staff, including yours truly. We have determined that from all test results received thus far, one part time staff member has tested positive.

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This individual will remain out of work for the required 14 days and will then be required to be tested again and if the result is negative, they will be allowed to return to work. At the time of the individual's test they were asymptomatic and had minimal resident contact. The required employee testing is thought to conclude Tuesday June 9; however I suspect the Department of Health will extend this practice for a few more weeks.

Please note on our St. John's web site that CEO Charlie Runyon has issued a statement related to the recent events which have evolved from the horrific death of George Floyd. We hope you take comfort in knowing the leadership of the St. John's Meadows and Brickstone Communities stands firm and united with Charlie's statement. We all sincerely pray that from this terrible event our need for unity, respect, and freedom from hateful prejudice will prevail for all.

Oliver looks forward to the day when this is all over and he can meet you all, until then please walk wisely and stay safe!

Safe, Stay Well, and Stay Strong.

Paul Bartlett

