



February 23, 2021

Dear Cannondale Campus Resident, Family, Friend or Community Partner,

COVID-19 statistics among our local community and at The Cannondale Campus continue to improve. The Connecticut positivity and hospitalization rates have further decreased to 2.58 % and 500 individuals, respectively. The Fairfield County positivity rate has decreased to 3.8% from 4.2 % last week. We are entering a much improved chapter in the story of this Pandemic.

All Greens at Cannondale staff members tested negative based on surveillance testing from last week and COVID-19 infections for Greens at Cannondale residents remains at a zero-percent since April.

The re-institution of indoor visitation continues to go quite well with minimal chance of exposure to our residents and staff. Visits occur in designated common areas to minimize the chance of exposure between residents and visitors. Indoor visitation are hosted between the hours of 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and 7-days per week. Visitors can meet with their loved one inside the Greens by calling the main number at (203) 761-1191 to reserve their slot. All visitors must wear a facemask before entering the building and throughout their visit. We can supply you with a facemask if you need one. Inside visitors will be screened in the front lobby for signs and risk factors of COVID-19 infection including a temperature check. Traditional Care residents and those living in our "Residence" may visit in our Cafe' and families of our Evergreen residents may meet with family in a specialized visitation room within Evergreen. We will continue to also arrange outdoor visitation in our heated visitation tent. Compassionate care and end-of-life visitation inside resident rooms shall also continue. Baring an infection control setback or if our residents and families wish, we plan to remove the outdoor visitation tent in mid-March.

Current guidance from the CDC is for us to continue structuring visitation in the manner described above; however, we are making current plans to advance to the next phase of reopening which will include a return to resident room visitation. I will happily announce this to you all as soon as it is prudent to do so.

Our third COVID-19 vaccination clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will complete the vaccination process for nearly all residents at the Greens and for most of our employees. The March clinic is primarily for vaccination of "first dosers" from our February clinic. New residents and/or employees will be vaccinated on an outpatient basis with coordination with DPH.

If you have not yet already done so, please see "Community Vaccination" at the end of this document for information about receiving your COVID-19 vaccination.

Hoping this message finds you healthy, happy and well informed.

With Warmest Regards,

Ronald V. Bucci  
Senior Executive Director

## **Staying Connected**

a) Facetime Sessions with your loved one

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ca4a82ba2fbc61-thegreens>

Or call 203-761-1191 or email Carmela or Brianna at [ctornatore@thegreensatcannondale.com](mailto:ctornatore@thegreensatcannondale.com).

B) Zoom Info Sessions - Join via desktop/mobile device or dial in **each Tuesday at 2:00 pm.**

## **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83159586119>

**Meeting ID: 831 5958 6119**

## **Community Vaccination**

Connecticut has initiated vaccination for phase 1B for all Connecticut Seniors over 65 years old. If you are a senior or know one who is not part of group 1-A, please make note of the following sign up information:

- Signing up is best accomplished through the Vaccine Management Portal (VAMS). They are taking appointments on-line or via phone for the >65 age group now.
- Please see the website and/or phone number below for details. Other providers, such as Hartford Healthcare are also scheduling vaccine and more eligible groups.

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/covid-19%20vaccinations>

*CT COVID Vaccine Appointment Assist Line at 877-918-2224. The line will take calls on Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will offer a call-back option when all contact specialists are busy serving other callers. The team will aim to return calls as soon as possible, with the goal of same-day response.*

## **Everyday actions that you can take to minimize your chance of COVID-19 related infection or illness:**

- Wear a well-fitting mask while in public places or at any point when a six-foot distance is not possible.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick and keep your distance from others if you are sick.
- Individuals who do not feel well should remain home and contact their Primary Care Physician.
- If you have been in contact with someone suspected of having Covid-19, you must self-quarantine and call your local physician or health department immediately.
- Adhere to the CT Travel Advisory
- Wash your hands vigorously and often using soap and hot water.
- Use hand sanitizer when available in addition to hand washing but not in place of it.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth, or nose with your hands.
- Cover sneezes and coughs with a tissue or your elbow and not your hand.
- Keep home and personal surfaces (especially bedside tables, surfaces in the bathroom, and toys for children) clean by wiping them down with a household disinfectant.
- Adhere to The Connecticut Travel Advisory” see:  
"http://www.ct.gov/coronavirus" [www.ct.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ct.gov/coronavirus) “Connecticut Travel Advisory in Effect”
- Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious foods.
- Stay informed through reliable information sources

The Connecticut Department of Public Health - Call 2-1-1 and Text "CTCOVID" to 898211 or visit [www.ct.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ct.gov/coronavirus)  
The Center for Disease Control - [www.cdc.gov/ncov](http://www.cdc.gov/ncov)

### **The Greens at Cannondale Infection Control Measures**

- Measuring the temperature/oxygen levels of all residents and patients each day.
- Staff and visitor screening including screening questions and temperature checks.
- All staff and visitors are mandated to wear masks unless behind a closed door.
- Ongoing deep-cleaning with EPA- approved agents to kill Corona viruses and a professionally contracted antiviral spray treatment in resident rooms/common areas related to a suspected case.
- Frequent written and verbal (in multiple languages) in-servicing to staff detailing our policies.
- Limiting activity programs to social distanced programs only
- Restricting delivery personnel from the building - all essential deliveries are "drop and go" with special arrangements for pharmacies. Deliveries are either treated or staged to minimize the chance of transmission through mail and packages.
- Any resident who is suspicious of COVID infection will be placed on isolation until further instructions are received from their physician. These residents will be cared for by staff using full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- New move-ins must receive a negative COVID test prior to move in and must be quarantined per their doctor's orders.
- Regular staff testing
- Restricted visitation for nonessential caregivers and or compassionate caregivers.