

# *“For Your Information”*

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## **Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. This year feels different because it is different. Leaving Sherwood Oaks to visit friends and family at their homes or inviting friends, residents and family into your home can be a significant source of transmission for COVID-19. Those who feel well can still be infectious. We ask that you self-isolate for 14-days and avoid the Community Center and any communal activities if you participate in any holiday gatherings.

Limiting contact with others is somewhat counterintuitive to the idea of a holiday celebration; but the number of COVID-19 cases is increasing in Butler County, surrounding counties and across the country. Not mixing households at all would be best from a risk standpoint. If you haven't already done so, consider modifying how you celebrate the holidays this year.

**Masking remains the most important measure for preventing transmission of COVID-19.** Should you choose to host friends, family and/or residents at your home or visit someone's home, (which we strongly discourage) be sure to mask and maintain physical distance. Wear masks properly, which means they should cover the mouth and nose. If you need a mask, contact Tabby Alford at ext. 8460.

With cases rising rapidly across the country, any social gathering will carry risk. Be realistic and frank about the risks of any holiday gathering.

## **Main Dining Room**

The Main Dining Room will remain closed. We were hopeful of serving Thanksgiving dinner for those residents interested in attending, but think it is in the best interest of everyone to offer delivery at this time.

## **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

Because of the increasing positivity rate in Butler County, we have implemented additional personal protective equipment requirements for staff.

## **Independent Living Visitors**

Call the gatehouse at ext. 8155 should you choose to have a visitor in your home. The visitor list is no longer in effect. Gate pass access remains deactivated.