



Menno Haven COVID-19 & Other Community Updates as of 12/10/21

Franklin County PCR (Positivity Rate) = 20.7%

All areas of Menno Haven are currently operating at full capacity except for ElderDay. ElderDay is currently open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for vaccinated members only.

Life Center Grille Access on 12/14 – To access the Life Center Grille on December 14, please enter through the door by the outside steps. There is an event being held at the Life Center that day, so this entrance will be the easiest way to access the Grille.

For questions, call Tiffany Rife at (717) 709-4557

Message from Kerry Weaver, Grounds Manager

As we endure another winter season, I wanted to pass along a few reminders to help keep everyone safe. We are in a very difficult region in regards to winter weather. We can get wet snow, dry snow, sleet, freezing rain and hail; sometimes all in the same storm. We handle each winter event differently depending on what we get. We are totally dependent on local weather forecasters to predict the type and quantity of precipitation we will receive.

We place snow stakes along the roads and sidewalks so the crew can identify the edges of the grass. We also place some back in the lawns to mark the locations of water meters, water shut offs and storm drains. Please do not remove any of these markers. As a reminder, do not have any extension cords crossing over sidewalks or patios. Remove any landscape lights from along your walk. Remove any flower pots or extra items that are on your front porch (and back porch at CP). The crew can't always see these things when clearing snow and anything left out could potentially be damaged during snow removal.

During any type of winter weather, I would advise against travel if possible. It is our job to clear the sidewalks, roads, and driveways as quickly, efficiently, and safely as possible. Please stay clear of all snow removal operations. When the crew is out clearing snow and running the equipment, it is very difficult to see a vehicle or a person walking behind them. Be careful when walking outside after the snow has been cleared. It can be very slippery! We will treat the walks and drives if needed but that doesn't happen until we have had time to clear everyone's drive/walk. In addition, when parking your vehicle near a sidewalk, please keep in mind that you do not park with your bumper over the sidewalk. Our equipment can't get around your car to clear the sidewalk properly.

New residents who have a car parked outside, either in their driveway or parking space, and have not turned in a spare key to Sandy Myers should do so as soon as possible. This allows us to move your car during snow removal and more efficiently clear the area around it.

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I bring this up quite often, but I feel I need to address the issues that have come up as a concern from residents and staff. Please do not feed the squirrels or cats in our communities. Squirrels are extremely destructive. They chew on wires in homes as well as in cars. They have caused damage to resident cars and park benches that has cost money to fix, not to mention the fire hazards they create. By feeding them, we are just encouraging them to stay around and multiply in numbers. I know everyone means well and they are fun to watch, but please just don't do it! The cats we have around are feral cats. They potentially carry with them fleas, ticks, diseases, and even rabies. They get into your trash bags regularly and tear them apart creating more work for us. Feeding them only increases the population, which results in more on our properties.

Lastly, I have a few reminders about trash and recycling. Please place all trash in trash bags and tie the bags. We do not have the ability to handle loose trash. Any trash that is not in trash bags and tied off will not be picked up. Also, please do not make the bags too heavy. All of our trash has to be handled twice by the staff. Heavy bags have led to injuries. Please use trash bags that are no larger than the 13 gal. tall kitchen bags. Several of these bags tied off and placed in the larger trash cans are much easier to handle than one big bag. If the bags are too heavy, you may be asked to re-bag your trash.

I would also like to congratulate Carl Rebeck on becoming my new Team Leader of Grounds for the Brookview Community. Carl fills the role that was vacated by the departure of Andrew Ressler. Carl has been with Menno Haven for over 10 years and I am confident he will do a great job in his new role.

Thank you and stay safe this winter!

Kerry Weaver
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