



COVID-19 Update

November 6, 2020

As of this writing, we have not yet heard the full results of Tuesday's presidential election, in part because some states are still counting mailed in ballots. We're grateful that during this time when in-person contact may be significantly more dangerous than many of us were able to use the option to mail in our ballots and have our votes count.

This week, Covia received some funds from Health and Human Services as an incentive payment due to our communities having a lower rate of infection than their surrounding counties. These CARES Act funds help us provide support and supplies to our staff, and to continue to keep our infection rates low.

Our team at Support Services continues primarily to work remotely, though some employees do come to the Walnut Creek office for essential business purposes on occasion. Starting Monday, anyone coming to the Support Services office will use an online screening app, developed by our IT department. The app prompts employees to screen for symptoms and other COVID-19 indicators, helping them determine whether or not they should come to the office. While in the office, employees and visitors observe other safety measures, such as wearing a mask and maintaining at least six feet of distance at all times. No more than 18 people can be in the office at one time.

With Thanksgiving approaching, we have created some guidelines and suggestions for celebrating Thanksgiving safely as a reference document for anyone. We've shared this as an additional PDF accompanying this week's update. It is also posted online at <https://covia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Thanksgiving-Guidelines.pdf>. You are welcome to pass this on to anyone who might find it useful.

Although Thanksgiving may not be the same, we do want to learn what you're thankful for in this difficult year. It has been a Covia tradition to share photos and statements from residents and staff on Facebook around Thanksgiving. If you want to share your gratitude to be included in the Thanksgiving post, please send a photo of yourself and statement to Kate Vermillion, Digital and Social Media Manager, at kvermillion@covia.org. We've love to get them too at C19info@covia.org.

As we commemorate Veterans' Day this coming Wednesday, we want to thank all who have served in our armed forces. We honor you for your service and your sacrifices. Thank you in addition to all of those serving on the front lines of our current fight against COVID-19. We see you, and we know how you are working each day to keep people safe. Thank you to all of our heroes, in whatever uniform you wear.