



Memorandum

To: Medford Leas Residents and Staff
From: Jeremy Vickers, CEO
Date: July 28, 2023
Re: Community Update

COVID-19 INFORMATION

Medford Leas Coronavirus Cases – This week, I am happy to report that again, we have not had any new resident or staff COVID cases to report. Currently, we have just two active cases. The grid below, reflects the Medford Leas cases since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020.

Medford Leas Cumulative COVID-19 Report				
As of July 28, 2023				
Type	Total Cases	Active Cases	Resolved	Deaths
Resident	124	0	119	5
Staff	176	2	174	0
Total	300	2	293	5

**Non-State Reportable Cases (i.e., non-AL or Woolman): 65 Staff and 103 Residents*

Current Protocols - Masks need to be worn if visiting Assisted Living, or passing through any areas of the healthcare (Haddon, Woolman and Estaugh) Buildings. In the Community Center, masks are recommended, but at everyone's discretion.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Jane Weston's Retirement – Jane's last day at Medford Leas will be on Friday, August 11th. We will hold a communitywide celebration on Thursday, August 10th from 2:00 – 4:00 PM in the Holly Room. Please join me in wishing her all the best.

Tree Removal: There is a very large oak tree between Courts 15 and 16 that is in decline. Our arborist has advised to have it removed and we plan to complete this work within the near future. We will plant a replacement tree in the fall season.

Theater Screen – The screen installation in the Theater is now complete. We are continuing to work through some control issues.

Renumbering Project for the Medford Campus – We continue working through the implementation of the new renumbering on the Medford campus.

- New resident directories have been developed and distributed
- New Medford Campus maps were emailed and printed copies are available at the Reception Desk
- The new directional signs are (mostly) in place, along with new street signs. The vendor is currently king on one missing sign, decals to cover the backs of one-sided signs, new internal directionals for the Courtyards, as well as building signs for #3 and #5 Haddon Lane.
- We understand that it will take some time for all the new street names to be uploaded into banks, investment firms, GPS and other systems, but we are seeing gradual progress. We are suggesting that if you are having difficulty updating your addresses give the process a week or two to catch up and try again. As a reminder, residents have up to a year to change their address.
- If any resident receives a letter from the USPS asking them to confirm their change of address, please turn it in at the Main Reception Desk at Medford Leas, and we will pass them on to our mail carrier, Barb. She has agreed to take these letters to the Post Office and scan them for you, so there will be no need for you to take them yourself.
- We appreciate all the staff at the Medford Post Office for helping to make this transition easier for all of us. We are especially appreciative of Barb's ongoing commitment to you to ensure the safe and accurate delivery of all resident mail.
- All updates have been filed with the Board of Elections. They are ensuring that the records for Vote-by-Mail (VBM) voters are also updated. Per the Board of Elections, all VBM voters will be in good standing and will receive their ballot for the general election at their new address this fall.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tammy Gerhart

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

I appreciate everyone's patience as the construction continues to impact almost every corner of the Medford campus. I am pleased to share the following updates:

Route 70 Entrance – Is open for traffic.

- We are still waiting on PSE&G, but everything else is pretty much complete
- Plans are underway for new plantings to be installed this Fall at the junction of Haddon Lane and Medford Leas Way as you enter the Medford campus

Phase I Terrace Project –The Terrace is open for use. A few loose ends remain:

- One of the fire pit tables was damaged during installation and will be replaced by the contractor
- We are ordering new trash and recycling containers

Phase II Projects – including the Library, Willow Room, Café and Reception Desk

- Contractors are continuing to install cabinetry, lighting and equipment in the new Café, Library and Willow Room
- This project was scheduled for completion in July, but is being pushed back several weeks due to delays in shipping of some HVAC equipment and specialty lighting. We have been given tentative shipping dates in mid-August for the last of the equipment and are scheduled to receive furniture in early September.
- The HVAC units in the Atrium have been replaced and work to connect them to the new HVAC system is currently in progress

Phase III Projects – including the renovation of the ground floor of the Community Building, the new pool addition and the renovation of the existing Coffee Shop.

- We have begun the application process with Medford Township
- Display boards are in the Atrium for your viewing pleasure

Main Parking Lot and Porte-Cochere – Contractors are continuing work on the porte-cochere.

- The new EV stations have been installed and are awaiting “commissioning.” Once we have details about how the new EV stations, we will provide details to staff and residents that might want to use them.
- New curbing and sidewalks were installed this past week
- Roofing work has started
- New parking lot lights are scheduled to be installed in the coming weeks
- Paving is scheduled for August
- This project is due to be complete in August and is continuing to run on schedule.

Nature Center and Berm Parking – Contractors are continuing work at the Nature Center

- Paving at the Nature Center today and we anticipate the final coating of asphalt to be completed next week, barring inclement weather. Until the paving is complete, we continue to suggest that residents access their Farm plots from Rushmore.
- The electrician is scheduled to complete his work at the Berm next week
- Once the electrician has wrapped up his work and completed his inspections, final grading and paving will follow - including a new sidewalk along Medford Leas Way.

Courtyard Walkway Improvements – Wooden siding that is in disrepair is being replaced. Interior siding will be wood, while exterior siding is being replaced with cement board. Many of the old sliders are in disrepair and are being replaced with new windows. Some sliders are still in good repair and will remain.

- Contractors have completed their work at the intersection of Courts 25, 26, 27 and 65 and will move over to the Court 20/21/24/25 intersection next

Medford Campus Sidewalks – Contractors have completed repairs to the Medford Campus outdoor asphalt sidewalks. We will be surveying the property over the next two weeks to determine if any further work is needed this year.

Haddon Court – In March, the renovation work commenced on Haddon Court to prepare this to become our Rehabilitation Unit. We hope to complete Township inspections in the coming weeks, followed by our State-licensure inspection. Woolman will remain in operation until Haddon Court is transitioned into this new neighborhood.

