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Apple Valley is Growing!

Casa Colina at Apple Valley will soon break ground on another expansion that will include 12 apartments, a swimming pool, and a free-standing administration building. The theme will be consistent with the early California mission architecture of the existing buildings and increase the Apple Valley program to a total of 54 beds. The expansion is projected to open its doors in October, 2016.



NEW HIRES

Awston Albiso –Therapy Aide, Azusa Clinic
Samantha Allen –Residential Aide, Apple Valley (Rehire)
James Benitez –MRI Tech, Imaging
Mary Delvalle - Clinical Educator ICU/Med-Surg
Christie Gonzalez –Residential Technician, TLC
Suzanne Gonzalez – Residential Technician, TLC
Ashley Kain - Residential Aide, Lucerne Valley
Nicole Lian –Residential Caregiver, Padua Homes
Christie Mao –Patient Care Technician, Inpatient
Irma Ortega –Orderly, Inpatient Nursing
Aaron Rothbart –Speech & Language Pathologist, Outpatient
Melanie Velasquez –Residential Technician, TLC
Debbie Walsh –Chief Operating Officer
Thelma Watson –Orderly, Inpatient Nursing
Lidya Wenny –Orderly, Inpatient Nursing
James Wilkins –Orderly, Inpatient Nursing
Brianisha Watson – Patient Care Technician, Inpatient
Rhonda Wyant –Residential Aide, Lucerne Valley (Rehire)

WELCOME



Show Me The Money

Please note that employees working in the Corporate offices, Padua homes or the Padua desert programs will receive 27 pay checks this year! Because Casa Colina uses an every-other-week pay period schedule, every few years there is a 27th pay period, and this is the year. Benefit payments will not be taken out of this check (other than 403(b), garnishments and others required by law).



Designate a Beneficiary

Have you designated a beneficiary? Casa Colina automatically provides benefit eligible employees one times their annual base salary in life insurance. It is very important that you contact Human Resources to designate a beneficiary if you have not already done so, or if your life situation has changed since you identified one. If you expire without a designated beneficiary, Casa Colina is required to disburse the money according to the requirements of the law. In addition, if you have a retirement account with Casa Colina, please remember to call TransAmerica, go online or come to HR to designate a beneficiary for your retirement benefits.

CONGRATULATIONS

We at Casa Colina are pleased to announce that Jennifer Fisher, RN, has accepted the position of Infection Control Nurse and will train alongside Naida Koelliker as we prepare for the new 31-beds.

Also, please help welcome Ashley Robles, RN, to her new role as Nurse Educator for the Rehabilitation Unit. Sharon Modyman will transition to her new role in Surgical Services when we open the new hospital.

We are very proud of these individuals and know that with their dedication and determination they will be successful.

CASA COLINA'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR



October 28th

12:00pm -1:00pm



Get your skits ready!

More details to follow



ITS Buggy 8/15

Flu Season is Just Around the Corner!

Influenza Vaccination clinics are being arranged to allow all Casa Colina staff to receive the vaccine while on duty during the first 2 weeks in October.

We will be offering the nasal FluMist again as well as the Egg-free and regular flu vaccine injections. Employees declining the vaccine must sign a declination form during the Month of October.

The employees declining the vaccines who are involved in direct patient care and/or entering patient care areas must use a procedure mask from December 1-March 31 at all times while in the patient care areas.

LA County Health department is encouraging this strategy to help achieve the "Healthy People 2020" target of 90% vaccination rates in all health care organizations. At Casa Colina, our goal is a 90% vaccination rate. To be in compliance and to provide a protective environment for our patients and unvaccinated visitors.

Seasonal Influenza (Flu)

2015-2016 Flu Season What You Should Know

Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness. Serious outcomes of flu infection can result in hospitalization or death. Some people, such as older people, young children, and people with certain health conditions, are at high risk for serious flu complications. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting **vaccinated** each year.

The upcoming season's flu vaccine will protect against the influenza viruses that research indicates will be most common during the season. This includes an influenza A (H1N1) virus, an influenza A (H3N2) virus, and one or two influenza B viruses, depending on the flu vaccine.

Flu Shot

