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What Is Long-Term Care Like Around the World, C6

Flu season: Children have been hit the hardest but those 65 and older are most vulnerable. **C4**

Immunologist explains: The immune system works best when it is perfectly balanced. C7



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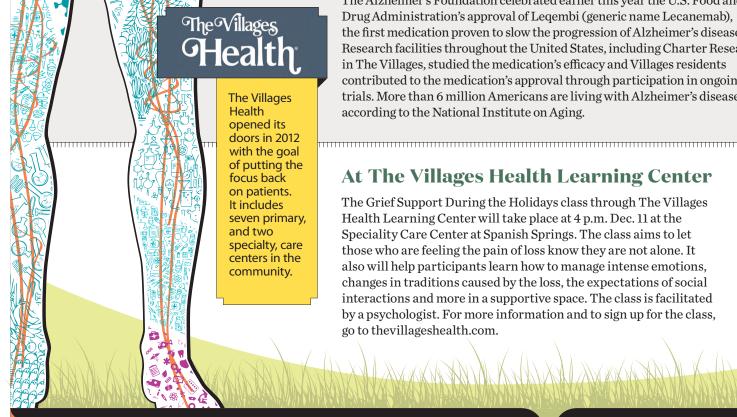
America's Healthiest Hometown

Our community medical partners are committed to making The Villages a preeminent home to guality health care, longevity and enhanced quality of life for seniors. It's a mission crafted through innovative primary care practices, cutting edge technology, a nationally renowned hospital system and research university. Here is a roundup of health and medical happenings this week, compiled by Daily Sun Managing Editor Mackenzie Raetz.

From The Villages Health Doctors

The Villages Health offers its Medicare Simplified courses to help people better understand their choices when it comes to Medicare. The classes explain the difference between Medicare Advantage and Original Medicare, how people could potentially save some money on their prescriptions and more. Those who participate do not have to be a patient at The Villages Health or a resident of The Villages. The next class will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Lake Deaton Care Center. For more information on the classes and to sign up, go to thevillageshealth.com.

From Local Health Researchers



The Alzheimer's Foundation celebrated earlier this year the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's approval of Leqembi (generic name Lecanemab), the first medication proven to slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease. Research facilities throughout the United States, including Charter Research in The Villages, studied the medication's efficacy and Villages residents contributed to the medication's approval through participation in ongoing trials. More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, according to the National Institute on Aging.

UF Health Central Florida recently completed its 100th procedure using the Watchman FLX left atrial appendage closure device, which was done at UF Health Leesburg Hospital. The hospital was the first in Lake County to offer the device that helps patients with atrial fibrillation.

An educational campaign called Clinical Trials For All aims to raise awareness about clinical trials' impact on global health. Local experts says that without clinical trials, there can be no advancements in treatment. To find a nearby clinical trial, go to clinicaltrials.gov.



Unexpected falls occur more often as people age and can pose a serious health risk. More than 1 in 4 people age 65 or older fall each year, according to the National Institute on Aging. Talk with your health care provider about your risk of falls and how to prevent them.

At The Villages Health Learning Center

The Grief Support During the Holidays class through The Villages Health Learning Center will take place at 4 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Speciality Care Center at Spanish Springs. The class aims to let those who are feeling the pain of loss know they are not alone. It also will help participants learn how to manage intense emotions, changes in traditions caused by the loss, the expectations of social interactions and more in a supportive space. The class is facilitated by a psychologist. For more information and to sign up for the class, go to thevillageshealth.com.



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