

URGENT MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 21, 2020

TO: All Bethany Home Association Community Members and Visitors

FROM: Kris Erickson, CEO

RE: COVID-19 Update from Our Community - What It Means for You

Dear Bethany Home Association Residents, Families, Staff, and Community Members,

As the novel coronavirus situation in Kansas continues to evolve, we must adapt and prepare for the reality that we may start having confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our community. As you know, in compliance with CDC and CMS guidelines, we have been actively screening all vendors, visiting medical personnel, and employees for symptoms of upper respiratory illnesses. Additionally, since March 12th we have been following all CDC and CMS guidelines for infection control and prevention, including enhanced sanitization of community spaces, modification of services to promote social distancing, and providing personal protective equipment for healthcare personnel and residents.

In the past week, we have had no positive COVID diagnoses among those who reside with us. We have had two residents undergo testing during hospital visits and both are presumed negative at this time.

A Federal mandate issued September 2nd requires testing of all staff. While most senior care providers received a testing machine soon after the mandate, Bethany Village has not received a testing machine. Today we received 80 Abbott Binax Now test cards and we will begin screening frontline caregivers while those supplies last. When testing equipment remains available to us, we will continue to test staff for an added measure of security as we work to keep COVID-19 out of our buildings.

Bethany Home Association remains in Phase 1 of our gradual reopening plan. Phase 1 permits scheduled visits in our visiting booth and allows for essential workers to provide services within

our building. All staff and essential workers are screened before entering the building. As a reminder, we cannot advance through phases until the county reaches Phase Out.


Thank you, to all our community members, for your dedication, hard work, and commitment, today and every day. Together, we can ensure that Bethany Home Association has the best chance to stay ahead of the coronavirus.

We thank you for your cooperation and compliance with basic preventative measures we can all practice, such as good hand hygiene, social distancing and staying home when sick. Together, we can help everyone stay healthy and well.

If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to:

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Best Wishes,



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