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Greetings Friends and Families,

Once again, I am happy to report that we have no cases of COVID-19 in our building. We do have staff who are being monitored, quarantined, and tested. We ask that you join us in praying for the health and well-being of all who live and work with us. The positive case counts continue to rise in our county and adjacent counties, but we remain dedicated to do all in our power to keep this virus out of our buildings.

In addition to the attached letter, I have included information presented by Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). We are doing our best to keep families and loved ones connected. We continue to offer video calling, window visits, patio visits, and in-room compassionate care visits. Our Visitation Station continues to be a popular option and we have added voice amplification devices for those who have difficulty hearing. We ask for your continued understanding as we prioritize the in-room visits for those in greatest need. Please understand that as we continue to provide the quality care you have come to rely on, the increased government guidance may occasionally stretch our capacity to meet the numerous requests for in-room visits. If you are scheduled for an in-room visit to visit a loved one in distress, please understand that the visitor limits, screening precautions, and social distancing is required to preserve the health and well-being of all. It is our sincerest desire to accommodate as many as possible while also protecting those we serve.

Please also be aware, that our ability to continue providing these visits is entirely dependent on everyone within our organization remaining healthy. Under the current federal guidelines, a single positive case within our building will require us to end visitation until everyone is healthy again. While we are able to monitor and screen visitors with the tools available to us, the continued presence of the COVID-19 virus in our region means that there is still a risk of exposure to our residents and staff. We greatly appreciate the efforts you are making at home and when you are in the community. Our continued success depends on everyone taking reasonable health precautions, practicing social distancing, performing frequent hand washing, and appropriate use of face masks.

Finally, I want to thank you again for your prayers, support, and words of encouragement. The kindness you have shown has made a tremendous impact and is sincerely appreciated.

Best Wishes,
Kris Erickson, CEO

URGENT MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 12, 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 one contract staff member undergoing a two week at home quarantine related to COVID-19 exposure.

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. We continue to test staff with the Abbott Binax Now test cards and we will continue staff testing while those supplies last. It is our hope that these tools will help us 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. While CMS has

released a new visitation guidance, our current practices align with the guidance and we will continue to work to keep families and loved ones connected. For those wishing to schedule a visitation, please contact our Activities Department.

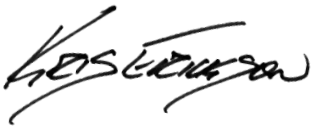
Thank you to all our community members for your dedication, hard work, and commitment, today and every day. Together, we can ensure that Bethany Home Association has the best chance to stay ahead of the coronavirus.

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.

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Best Wishes,



Kris Erickson, CEO
Bethany Home Association