

10/16/20

Dear Family and Friends,

As a part of our mandated reporting guidelines, I am issuing this updated report. In this letter, you will note that one staff member has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and a second has been referred for confirmatory testing. We understand that this may cause concerns, however, we have a plan in place to address these issues and are following guidance from the McPherson County Health Department. It is our hope that these cases are isolated and will not affect others. Please read the following letter for more details.

We remain dedicated to the care and well-being of all who live and work in Bethany Home. We have safeguards in place and will remain vigilant in our use of masks, hand hygiene, screening, and testing.

Sincerely,

Kris Erickson, CEO

URGENT MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 16, 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,

I am writing today to inform you that a staff member who worked at Bethany Home between October 7, 2020 and October 13, 2020 has been positively identified as having COVID-19. As a part of our routine point of care testing, a second employee who works in separate and isolated location has been referred to the local clinic for confirmatory testing. We pray for these employees as they undergo quarantine and healing.

If you or your loved one has been affected, you will be contacted directly. We understand you may have concerns and we ask for your patience and understanding as we work through our existing response procedures.

At this time, we are following guidance provided by the McPherson County Health Department on 10/15/2020 and are conducting contact tracing. We are continuing our point of care testing and will provide additional tests to those determined to be “close contacts” to the affected employees. Anyone who was within six feet of the affected individual for longer than 10 minutes is considered a “close contact”. As of this writing, our point of care testing has identified no other affected individuals. If other employees or residents are identified as being positive for COVID-19, we will provide an update. It is our hope that these illnesses are isolated and will have no effect on the care for those who live and work with us.

McPherson County Health Department has advised that all unaffected staff should remain at work and follow standard precautionary protocols. We will continue to screen all staff as they arrive at work, wear masks, practice good hand hygiene and will be conducting weekly point of care testing of all staff as advised under current regulatory guidance.

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,



Kris Erickson, CEO
Bethany Home Association