

10/26/2020

Greetings Family and Friends,

I hope you are staying safe and warm as this wintery weather makes an early entrance. While these updates are focused on COVID-19, I would like to take a moment to remind everyone to be safe on the ice (walk like a penguin!) and protect yourselves from seasonal influenza and colds. Health and well-being are important even when a pandemic is present.

The attached letter shows that we have a number of staff being released from quarantine and precautionary measures this week. As with every precaution, re-entry to the workplace is carefully monitored and staff are not allowed to return until they have been deemed safe to work again. We also continue to conduct weekly antigen testing and have had no new positives identified. We ask that you keep us in your prayers as we continue to work to keep this all viruses out of our building. Please also participate in proper mask use, hand hygiene, and social distancing when in the community to help keep our caregivers healthy!

I have had many requests to be added to this weekly update mailing list. If you are receiving this for the first time and are interested in reading earlier notices, all information has been posted to our website [www.bethanyvillageks.com](http://www.bethanyvillageks.com) under the COVID-19 section.

Be well, stay healthy.

Kris Erickson, CEO

## URGENT MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 26, 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.

As of this writing, we have eight staff undergoing at home quarantine. Two of the eight were diagnosed with COVID-19, the remaining six are undergoing precautionary quarantine related to potential community exposure. Three are to be released from quarantine today, and an additional three are anticipated to be released from quarantine tomorrow (10/27). Two staff are under “modified quarantine” and are isolating in offices until 10/29, have had negative antigen tests, and have exhibited no symptoms.

Bethany Home continues to screen all staff prior to their workday and is also conducting mandatory weekly antigen testing of all staff. No new concerns have been identified through this continued testing. We continue to practice all available safety protocols to protect the health and well being of all in our organization.

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.

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

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Best Wishes,



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