

November 2, 2020

Greetings Friends and Families,

The enclosed letter shows a promising trend at Bethany Home. We are down to three individuals undergoing at-home quarantine for suspected COVID-19 exposure and have had no confirmation that they are ill. We ask you to join us in praying for the continued health of all who live and serve at Bethany+Village.

We also ask that you stay safe as infection rates rise in McPherson and surrounding counties. Another wave of this virus is here, but by practicing basic safety precautions you can reduce the spread of infection, keep yourself safe, and help keep our residents and staff safe.

Be Well,



Kris Erickson

CEO

URGENT MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 2, 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 three staff undergoing at home quarantine for potential community exposure to COVID-19. Previously listed staff have all met recovery guidelines and have been cleared to return to work.

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 wellbeing of all in our organization.

Bethany Home Association remains in Phase 1 of our gradual reopening plan. Phase 1 permits scheduled visits in our visitation stations 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,



Kris Erickson, CEO
Bethany Home Association