

URGENT MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 5, 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 a second time today to inform you that a second staff member has been identified as positive for COVID-19. This staff member worked on November 2, 2020. This is in addition to the previously identified contract staff member that worked from November 2nd 11:00 PM to November 3rd 7:00 AM has been positively identified as having COVID-19. The affected individuals did complete pre-shift screening and reported no symptoms or temperature prior to work.

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 protocols.

At this time we are following guidance provided by McPherson County Health Department and we 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 employee. “Close contact” is considered to be anyone who was within six feet of the affected individual for longer than 10 minutes. 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. Some residents who may have been in closer contact to the affected staff members are being asked to undergo in-room quarantine procedures. It is our hope that this illness is isolated and will have no effect on those who live and work with us. We also pray for the health and well being of the affected individuals.

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 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