

URGENT MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 6, 2021

TO: All Bethany Home Association Community Members and Visitors

FROM: Melissa Brumbaugh, Administrator

RE: COVID-19 Update from Our Community - What It Means for You

Dear Bethany Home Association Residents, Families, Staff, and Community Members,

Since our last report, we have identified one new case COVID-19 among staff. This was identified through our in-house antigen testing and a confirmatory PCR test was also administered. Results of the PCR test will be available within 48 hours. Outbreak testing was completed, and no other positive cases were identified in our staff or residents. Following guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), indoor visitation may now continue for the unaffected units, and indoor visits for the affected unit will resume April 20, 2021 if no other positive cases are identified. If you or your loved one has been affected, you will be contacted directly.

We have successfully applied to move back to Phase 1 of our Reopening Plan. Some essential service workers will be allowed to enter our building, and we have resumed visits at our visitation station. If you would like to arrange a visit through the visitation station or an outdoor visit (weather permitting) please contact our Activities Department. Outdoor visits are preferred, but in-room and compassionate care visits are also being scheduled. Please understand that we have limited availability due to the time, tests, and materials that these visits require. Staff will schedule and assist with in-room and compassionate care visits.

At this time, we are following guidance provided by McPherson County Health Department. We are continuing our point of care COVID testing. Individuals identified as suspected positive through in-house antigen testing will be referred for confirmatory PCR testing.

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 we will be conducting point of care and PCR testing of staff as advised under current regulatory guidance.

It is our hope to progress toward a full reopening in the coming months. Our ability to progress to a full reopening will depend on the health of our greater community. Once regional positivity rates have decreased to a level that no longer warrants concern, we should be granted permission to reopen our doors to in-person visits. Our success depends on you!

We also ask community members to practice safety standards to protect our staff and residents. Our dedicated caregivers rely on each of you to keep them healthy when they are not at work. Together we can overcome this virus and your assistance in the effort is appreciated.

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

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Sincerely,



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