

**URGENT MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** August 11, 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,

We continue to remain COVID free in our staff and resident populations. COVID testing was done for our staff August 10, 2021, and no positive cases were identified. Based on the McPherson County positivity rate, we will begin testing twice a week and our next testing date will be August 13, 2021.

Several types of visitation continue to be offered. We will require masks to be worn at all times while in Bethany Home, regardless of vaccination status. If you would like to arrange a visit through the visitation station or a patio visit (weather permitting) please call 785.227.2334. Outdoor visits are preferred, but in-room and compassionate care visits are also being scheduled. Staff will schedule and assist with in-room and compassionate care visits. Current visitation guidelines can be found on our website:

[www.bethanyvillageks.com](http://www.bethanyvillageks.com)

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. 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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