

URGENT MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 12, 2021

TO: All Bethany Home Association Community Members and Visitors

FROM: Melissa Brumbaugh, Administrator via Jennifer Cantrell, Public Relations

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 our resident population. This case was identified through our in-house antigen testing. A confirmatory PCR test was also administered and the results of the PCR test will be available within 48 hours.

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.

Testing of all staff will take place again tomorrow, Friday, August 13 to determine if this is an isolated case. Indoor visitation may continue for the unaffected units. We will notify you if indoor visits for the affected unit require modification. Compassionate care visits follow different guidelines than indoor visitation and may be scheduled with nursing management.

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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