

## URGENT MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 16, 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 three new cases of COVID among our residents and one new case among staff. Seven staff members are now on quarantine precautions at home, and we are monitoring seven residents for COVID. With direction from the McPherson County Health Department, the affected unit has been placed on quarantine precautions. **If you or your loved one has been affected, you will be contacted directly.** To date, two residents and four staff members have met full recovery guidelines.

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.

**Indoor visitation for all units will be suspended until outbreak testing is completed.** Outdoor/Patio visits may still be scheduled through Laura Clark, Office Manager. However, all visitors must wear a mask and maintain appropriate social distancing. 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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