

## URGENT MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 2, 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 of COVID-19 in our staff. Contact tracing has been completed and with help from the McPherson County Health Department, we have not identified any close contacts in our residents or staff.

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.

The McPherson County Health Department has determined that it is safe for us to continue in-room visitation. **In-room visitation is now being scheduled for all units.** Outdoor/Patio visits remain the safest form of visitation and are available for all residents. All visitors must wear a mask and maintain appropriate social distancing. **Please contact Laura Clark, Office Manager to schedule an outdoor or in-room visit.** 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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