

URGENT MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 8, 2022

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 have identified two new staff members positive for COVID-19 since our last update. If your loved one has been affected, you will be contacted directly. Our residents are COVID free! To date, we have two staff members on at-home quarantine precautions. Three residents and five staff members have met full recovery guidelines. Staff continue to take extra precautions to minimize possible transmission to other residents.

We continue to follow guidance provided by McPherson County Health Department and point of care COVID testing as required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) and determined by the McPherson County level of community transmission. Individuals identified as suspected positive through in-house antigen testing will be referred for confirmatory PCR testing as available.

Per guidance from CMS on 11/12/2021, an appointment will no longer be required, nor will there be a time limit on the amount of time you can spend with your loved one. At this time, we ask that you use the East or West entrance, ring the doorbell when you arrive, and wait for a staff member to assist you with the screening process. **Masks and physical distancing will be required at all times while in Bethany Home. Visitors are asked to avoid common areas, restricting visits to the resident's room only. Visitors may now bring outside food in to share in the resident's room during visits.** When you have concluded your visit, we ask that you directly exit the building, again avoiding common areas. Safety remains our top priority regarding visitation.

McPherson County Health Department has also 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.

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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