

**URGENT MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** October 28, 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,

Our residents and staff remain COVID free.

We continue to follow guidance provided by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the McPherson County Health Department.

Visitation remains open for all residents at all times. **Per guidance from CMS and the CDC on 9/23/2022**, visitors with confirmed COVID-19 infection or compatible symptoms should defer non-urgent in-person visitation until they meet CDC criteria for healthcare settings to end isolation.

([www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/duration-isolation.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/duration-isolation.html)) For visitors who have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 infection, it is safest to defer non-urgent in-person visitation until 10 days after their close contact if they meet criteria described in CDC healthcare guidance.

([www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-risk-assesment-hcp.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-risk-assesment-hcp.html))

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. Due to the McPherson County transmission level, **masks are recommended, but not required at this time. Physical distancing is still encouraged while in common areas of Bethany Home.** 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 testing 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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