

URGENT MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 1, 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,

Since our last update, we have not identified any new cases of COVID-19 among our residents or staff. To date, we have two residents on in-room quarantine precautions and one staff member on at-home quarantine precautions. Our staff will continue to take extra precautions to minimize possible transmission to other residents.

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) 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)

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. **Visitors are no longer required to actively screen in** but are reminded to follow the updated CMS and CDC guidance on when to defer non-urgent visitation. Due to the McPherson County transmission level and positive COVID cases in the building, **masks and physical distancing are now 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 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 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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