Greeting to our Amazing, Proactive, Precautionary Residents,

By now you have read our CEO’s letter announcing the current precautionary steps our Community is taking. Today, most of the communities around the country are taking the same measures as we are all in contact with our colleagues sharing our common best practices to minimize our residents’ chances for exposure. We are sorry that some think these measures are overreactions, but our number one priority is the larger community and everyone’s cooperation is needed. We hope one day we can look back and say these precautions were not necessary. For now though, we are doing our best for you and our staff.

It should be clear, with all our precautions, that there is no reason for panic. Our job is to do all we can to keep us safe as possible. Lots of rumors have spread like viruses in our community throughout the years. I ask you to not spread nor listen to anyone who is not truly “in the know”. Sadly, some people enjoy gossip and spreading fear, and this not the time.

I realize you all have questions, but our first priority is taking the steps necessary at this time and communicating them out to you, as the situation evolves. The most important thing you can do is stay calm, be wise, take personal responsibility for your own health seriously and do the things that are right for you.

No matter what level of precautions, the likelihood of any community remaining unaffected is almost non-existent. We can minimize its impact though.

I want to lift up some of the steps that Michelle alluded to and also ask that you realize that more steps will be taken as is necessary. To minimize its impact though.

1. Visitors are limited to only essential visits for personal care issues and, even then, discouraged if not immediately necessary. Your social visits are what we naturally encourage, but these are special times and we ask you to please think of others and the risks to our community. We will be past this soon and back to normal.

2. All visitors entering our community will be vetted for symptoms daily, this includes essential visitors and all staff who will also have their temperatures taken at the beginning of every shift.

3. In our restaurants, social distancing practices are being implemented and, therefore, no more than two persons per table will be permitted. We are sanitizing chairs, tables, condiments, table numbers and to go numbers after every use. We are waving delivery fees for those who claim to be ill and need to stay home. We are eliminating buffet style/salad bar service across campus and this will affect Buchwald’s on Monday nights. We will instead offer a variety of plated salads. In order to accommodate space for seating, we may need to close certain venues for the time being. Plaza View dining is temporarily limited to only Plaza View Residents.

4. All residents not feeling well are asked to stay home and notify Kathy Amend (x16192) for follow-up and guidance.

5. Be prudent about your travels off campus. We are continuing controlled grocery runs, but if you do not need essential items, it is wise to avoid public places.

6. Transportation will still be available for medical appointments, but we ask you to consult your doctor to make sure it is worth the risk of going into such an office.

7. For the moment, all external and internal gatherings, programs and activities are suspended. We are working hard at coming up with creative ways for compensating for this, as your fitness and engagement is everything to us and is part of being healthy too.

8. Stay tuned to the community channel for the latest updates, and be looking forward to our upcoming Beatitudes Campus televised programming on Be Inspired: LIVE! 1-2.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO KEEP US HEALTHY:

1. Follow the advised sanitary and safety precautions.

2. Make friendly calls to your neighbors, friends and family.

3. Keep positive attitudes (makes you healthier anyway).

4. Don’t spread rumors.

5. Stay engaged in new creative ways.


7. Stay healthy!

We will get through this as a community! Oh, and did I mention, watch the community channel every chance you have for instant updates as they occur?

Peace to you,
Rev. David W. Ragan,
Sr. VP of Resident Services

MARCH 2020 TOWN HALL RECAP

Rev. David W. Ragan, Sr. VP of Resident Services, gave a warm welcome to residents and especially to one resident who was attending Town Hall for the first time. He then had residents laughing over signs that he found from Indian Hills. For example: “you have noticed that “the IRS” spells “theirs” backwards’; “never trust a train, they have loco motives; “do memory foam mattresses with them could forget” ; “if you have speeding tickets, raise your right foot”; and finally “before the crowbar was invented, crows had to drink at home”. Don’t forget to attend the Welcome Coffee on March 25th and welcome your new neighbors here at the Beatitudes. Make a note that the Welcome Coffee in April will be on the fifth Wednesday, April 29th.

David said that Beatitudes was recognized by the Holleran Survey as being a 2019 Choice Community for Engagement. This sets us within the top 15% of over 800 communities like ours. He is grateful that we did so well on the survey and the results will help to inspire ways to gain even more resident engagement. Central Park South will have a Pizza Party as the winner of the Highest Percentage of returned surveys, somehow returning 12.5% of their surveys (likely the result of other residents checking the wrong box for the building they live in).

David spoke to the resident tradition of proudly awarding scholarships to Washington High School students. Please join the Community Outreach Committee in our 2020 project to make a difference in the lives of students. Checks can be made out to the Beatitudes Campus Foundation.

Josephine Levy, Resource Navigator for Success Matters, discussed some of the upcoming events in their area. There will be a Workshop Survives You workshop with Andrea Claus, Attorney at Law, Bivens and

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They will visit you in your residence should you be unable to visit the office, refer you to specialists and coordinate in-home diagnostic and laboratory testing when needed. They cover most insurance programs. It is recommended that any resident who may ever need MVP’s services complete the New Patient Registration Form and bring it in to our office with a copy of your insurance.

The defendants have been ordered to pay restitution in the amount of $4.11 million to 113 victims across the U.S., most of whom were over age 65. District Judge Logan also ordered the forfeiture of $57,953 in U.S. currency found during a search of Ball’s residence. That money will be applied toward the restitution, according to a statement from the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

Federal officials said Gabler and Ball oversaw the telemarketing scheme, which operated from 2015 to 2018 out of several office park locations in Phoenix and Tempe.

They targeted elderly consumers, according to court documents, using a front room, where employees allegedly used false names to obtain basic customer information, and then from a back room, where telemarketers also used false names and promised a sham business opportunity in exchange for more than $10,000 per victim.

The returns on those investments were never realized, federal authorities said.

The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Secret Service and the Phoenix Police Department, with assistance from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Arizona Attorney General’s Office. The prosecution was handled by Gary Restaino, Alanna Kennedy, and Mark Wenker, assistant U.S. Attorneys.

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