April 3, 2020

Dear Beatitudes Campus Community Members,

Today we were notified of a positive COVID-19 laboratory result for an Independent Living resident from our community.

The resident, who lives in Plaza South, was admitted to the hospital on Wednesday, April 1. All precautions are being made for any residents, staff and health care personnel who were in contact with this resident for the 14 days prior to the hospital admission.

**There is no cause for panic or alarm.** The procedures that we have in place and those that we may put into place in the future are done to protect you, the staff and the community. Our focus remains on the health and well-being of our community. We continually receive guidance from the Maricopa Dept. of Public Health, the Arizona Dept. of Health Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services.

We promised to be transparent and to let you know what is happening here at the campus. We appreciate the trust you have put into us. All of us are in this together, and we will get through this pandemic by working together. Thank you for understanding and being part of the solution.

I strongly urge all of you to keep socially distant, wash and sanitize your hands often especially after touching services such as door handles, elevator buttons, etc., and cover your coughs. As the CDC has said, this virus is community spread. As we have seen across the country and the world, no one is immune.

**So, how can you protect yourself and remain socially distant? Here are a few tips:**

- Don’t crowd into the building elevators – if someone is already on the elevator, wait for the next one. (This does not apply to couples who are staying together.)
- Don’t invite people into your apartment and don’t go into other people’s apartment. It’s hard, but remaining in your home is the safest thing to do. Call or email your friends to keep in touch. Wave to your neighbors when you see them (BUT don’t invite them into your apartment).
- Minimize your exposure out of your apartment. The campus is doing all of your grocery shopping and we also have items in Bistro, so there really is no need for you to be out and about. If you need medicines, call our Transportation Department or your pharmacy and let them deliver. Only go to medical appointments that are critical. Reschedule your routine physicals for a later date.
- Take a walk outside every once in a while – enjoy the weather, but don’t go with a group and keep your six-foot distance.

I cannot stress enough how important it is to follow the guidance we have provided you. Thank you all for your support. **If you have any questions, please email BeWell@BeatitudesCampus.org**

Stay safe. Stay well. We are Beatitudes Strong!

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