

June 22, 2020

To Our Residents and Family Members:

Good evening all,

Having COVID-19 positive residents or staff on the Beatitudes Campus is certainly not what we want to have to report to our residents or families. We have kept this highly contagious virus at bay for several months and unfortunately, despite all of our diligence in infection control, PPE use, and diligent hand washing and sanitation it has happened as hard as we tried to avoid it. The number of COVID-19 cases are rising in Arizona, as are hospitalizations.

We have had another resident who had presented with symptoms and was moved to the isolation unit, test positive for COVID-19. The results came back in the past hour. The individual is showing some symptoms and staff are providing appropriate nursing care.

Barbara our Director of Nursing and Cheryl Knupp our Senior VP of Health Services have been doing internal contact tracing to identify those whom may have been in contact with those positive individuals. This will assist us in trying to break the transmission of the disease and prevent further spread of the virus.

We will continue both resident and staff temperature and symptom screening; this includes our vendors and essential healthcare workers who enter our building. As of today, we have not received our staff testing results. The labs are backlogged as you can imagine they have tested almost 150 facilities. I have been in contact with both the lab and the contracted company who provided our testing to try to expedite the return of results. These will be shared in an update email. We are encouraging and reminding our staff to limit their exposure to crowds, to make sure they are wearing a mask when they are out in any public setting. This preventative practice will benefit both our residents and our staff.

The follow is from Michelle Just our CEO here at Beatitudes and it is included in an email going to families also:

Tomorrow, June 23, is a day of national action for those of us who serve older adults. As you know, COVID-19 has been especially dangerous for older people in this country. Beatitudes Campus as well as organizations like ours have been working hard to ensure that our residents are safe and healthy – but we need help. That is why we are joining the nationwide “Act for Older Adults” campaign! We are joining forces with other nursing homes, senior living communities and other aging services providers around the county to demand that Congress include comprehensive relief measures to safeguard older adults and care workers. I invite you to join me in making our voices heard in Washington, by talking to your member of Congress. Sign up at <https://p2a.co/0h8JiM2>, and let our voices be heard!

Please know that keeping residents and staff safe is our top priority. We will be updating you twice weekly with a report on the status of testing and cases at Beatitudes Campus. If, however, one of our residents or staff test positive in your modality (Independent Living, Assisted Living and Health Care Center), we will send you a message within 24 hours. We post all of our letters on the Beatitudes Campus COVID-19 Update website: <https://beatitudescampus.org/beatitudes-family/>. You can always check that page for any updates.

I have had a couple requests to add family members to this list. If you would like to add additional family members to this contact list, please email me their name, address, and I will be happy to add them to the family email group. We want to make sure we efficiently communicate with you should there be any new developments. Please reach out to Teresa Borton, RN Health Care Administrator at 602-335-8466, or at tborton@beatitudescampus.org with your updated contact information.

Our staff in the Health Care Center continue to be committed to the care of our residents and your loved ones. We will keep you updated and informed on any changes and appreciate your confidence and support of our team. We are Beatitudes Strong and together we will get through this!

Sincerely,
Teresa Borton RN Administrator
Barbara Crivellaro RN Director of Nursing