

June 16, 2020

Dear Beatitudes Families and Residents,

I have pledged since the beginning that I would be transparent and let you know what is happening at Beatitudes Campus. On Tuesday June 16, 2020, an employee from Plaza View Assisted Living tested positive for COVID-19. This employee's last day present on campus was on Sunday, June 7, 2020 and the staff member has been on bereavement leave since that time. The employee believes the contraction of COVID-19 occurred while out of town during bereavement as there were symptomatic guests present at the time. We have been in close contact with the Maricopa County Department of Public Health and the Arizona Department of Health Services, and according to recommendations, the employee is under self-quarantine and will follow up with the doctor for clearance to return.

Beatitudes Campus is also doing our own internal contact tracing – for identifying and contacting persons who may have been in contact with this individual. Doing contact tracing can effectively break the chain of disease transmission and prevent further spread of the virus. At this time, there have been no residents or staff that have displayed any symptoms of COVID-19 since the employee was diagnosed positive for the virus.

Having a COVID-19 positive individual at campus is not the best news, yet we knew this may happen as hard as we tried to avoid it. As stated in the letter on Friday, the number of COVID-19 cases in Arizona are rising, as are hospitalizations. We know that the virus that causes COVID-19 is spreading very easily and sustainably between people and it is highly contagious. Until there is treatment or a vaccine for COVID-19, mitigating the community spread of the disease is largely up to us. The best way to prevent the spread is to avoid being exposed, as the virus is thought to spread mainly from person to person. What can we do?

- Wear a cloth face covering or mask at all times when you are with other people is paramount.
- Put distance between you and others whenever you leave your residence. Maintain a social distance of at least six feet when around others.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer when soap and water isn't available.
- Cover sneezes or cough with a tissue or with your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces often.

Thanks to all of you for standing by the campus during this uncharted and unfamiliar terrain. We are all in this together. The safety of our residents and staff are our most important priorities we have as a campus, and we couldn't do it without your support. It's been a long road, and a hard one, particularly for residents and families. Thank you for understanding and supporting the campus. I know you will join me in wishing a speedy recovery for our staff member.

Please remember to email BeWell@BeatitudesCampus.org for any concerns or questions you may have.

Stay safe. Stay well. We are still Beatitudes Strong!

My best,



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