

June 15, 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 Saturday, June 13, a resident from our Advanced Memory Care neighborhood tested positive for COVID-19. This resident left the campus to the Emergency Department and was there less than a half day. The hospital tested the resident for COVID-19 and the result was positive. Upon arrival back to campus, the resident was immediately housed in our Isolation Unit, which is our policy. We have been in close contact with the Maricopa County Department of Public Health and the Arizona Department of Health Services, and are following their recommendations, which are to continue the twice-daily screenings of all residents in the Health Care Center and continue screening of all staff who enter the Health Care Center. They do not advise re-testing any residents at this time. As you will recall, every resident in the Health Care Center was tested two weeks ago for COVID-19 and the results were negative.

Additionally, in a separate situation, on Saturday, June 13, we found out that a staff member who worked in the Bistro tested positive for COVID-19. This staff member has not had any direct contact with residents but has had contact with other staff. This individual is in quarantine at home and cannot return to campus until 14 days after all symptoms began and at least 72 hours without fever and improvement in respiratory symptoms. We are working with the Maricopa County Department of Public Health and the Arizona Department of Health Services for additional guidance. We continue to screen all employees before they step foot on campus. In April, Maricopa County Department of Public Health did an in-person survey at the campus and we received a Grade "A" with no violations for infection prevention and control protocol.

Beatitudes Campus is also doing our own internal contact tracing – for identifying and contacting persons who may have been in contact with these two individuals. Doing contact tracing can effectively break the chain of disease transmission and prevent further spread of the virus.

Also, all staff who work in the Health Care Center are still scheduled to receive a COVID-19 viral test (nose swab) on Tuesday, June 16. This is a follow-up to the coronavirus antibody test that was administered to staff two weeks ago. As I have said many times in the past, we are still advocating and working towards getting all staff and residents tested in the future. We continue to screen (temperatures and symptoms) every person who enters our campus.

Having two COVID-19 positive individuals at campus is not the best news, yet we knew this may happen as hard as we tried to avoid it. As I stated in my letter on Friday, the number of COVID-19 cases 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 house. 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.

Here at the campus, we are returning to non-contact delivery only of all meals and packages We will not allow residents or staff to pick up their meals or packages. We still encourage residents to go outside and visit with friends, but please remember the guidelines: Groups outside must be masked, socially distanced and no more than six people in a group at any one time. Groups inside must be masked, socially distanced and no more than three people in a group at any one time. We are still keeping the pool, fitness center, library and Life Center walking open for residents with our guidelines for these areas.

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 our staff are the most important priority 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. We send a speedy recovery for both the resident and staff member.

Please remember to email [BeWell@BeatitudesCampus.org](mailto:BeWell@BeatitudesCampus.org) for any concerns or questions you may have.

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

My best,



Michelle Just, President and CEO

