

July 6, 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. With some suggestions, the letter will give an update on Virginia G. Piper Memory Support) separate from that of Plaza View Assisted Living.

Virginia G. Piper (EMS/Early Memory Support located on 2nd floor of Healthcare Center
July 1, 2020 – July 2, 2020 our staff and residents were tested for COVID-19. At this time, we have received 2 staff members and 6 residents test positive for COVID-19. Due to the tremendous number of people getting tested in Arizona, the turnaround time for testing has been delayed and at this point we do have some tests pending. The residents who are currently positive have shown minimal to no symptoms ranging from congestion without respiratory issues, off and on fevers, and some general weakness. Primary care physicians (PCPs) are being consulted frequently for guidance. Many COVID-19 units, including the one on Beatitudes, do not have available beds to be able to transfer our COVID-19 positives. A majority of the COVID-19 positive residents have not shown symptoms and under the direction of the PCPs, residents may stay in the unit and should be sent out to the hospital if there are any complications. Staff is currently doing strict PPEs or Personal Protective Equipment while on the floor and additional disposable PPEs to provide care to those COVID-19 positive. Symptom checks and temperatures are checked twice daily for staff and residents with proper disinfecting of equipment in between use. Please only essential medical appointments should be made for residents and they will undergo a 14 day self-quarantine after returning. At this time residents who have semi private rooms who have tested positive will be moved with another who has tested positive. Those who have tested negative will also be kept together and those who have private rooms will remain in their rooms. Per AZDHS guidance and in agreement with PCPs, those who are not displaying symptoms but COVID-19 positive may remain on the unit as long as they are quarantined from the COVID-19 negatives.

Activities and communal dining continue to be suspended at this time. In room activities are being done by staff and Life Enrichment on a 1:1 basis. We do have the ability to do video conferencing, but it is by appointment. Please call 602-433-6164 to schedule availability.

Plaza View Assisted Living

We are still waiting for Arizona Department of Health Services to conduct testing for the rest of the residents who live in Plaza View Assisted Living. At this time there are no Plaza View employees or staff showing any signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Residents are required to wear masks or face coverings while outside their rooms. Staff members are required to wear masks or face coverings while on Campus. Residents who go on essential appointments are required to self quarantine for 14 days. Symptom checks and temperatures are checked twice daily for staff and residents with proper disinfecting of equipment in between use.

For precautions, all of our residents in Plaza View are encouraged to stay in their rooms. There is no communal dining at this time. Activities will be suspended except for in room activities. There were a limited number of people playing Bingo in the activity room downstairs, but with the number of COVID-19 positive people throughout the state of Arizona, it has been suspended until further notice. The dedicated Assisted Living area in front of Plaza View will remain open since it is an outdoor area and residents are monitored to ensure proper social distancing and masking.

We understand these are difficult times for residents and their families and staff. We encourage calling your loved ones while the visitation restrictions are in place. We have access to two Android tablets to be able to do video conferencing. Please call 602-433-6144 to schedule video conferencing with your loved one.

Beatitudes Campus is currently undergoing a testing “blitz” as mentioned in Michelle Just’s letter on July 1, 2020. We believe the testing is the pillar of containing the spread, particular in surveilling the individuals who are pre-symptomatic and asymptomatic. It leads to quicker identification of cases, quicker treatment for those testing positive and immediate quarantine or isolation to prevent the spread of the virus. Early testing also helps with contact tracing.

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 our residents, families, and staff. Please stay tuned for any updates.

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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Director of Assisted Living and Early Memory