

August 21, 2020

Dear Beatitudes Community,

This week, I heard Arizona State University President Michael Crow say that “we have to manage our relationship with the coronavirus, because this virus isn’t going away. Coronaviruses – this is the sixth or seventh – are still here. They continue to evolve, and this won’t be the last one.”

Dr. Crow makes a very good point. There are seven strains of the coronavirus currently out there that infect humans -- including MERS, SARS and COVID-19. Medical scientists are always on the lookout for new strains. So, we do have to figure out how to manage our relationship with this virus. We are using tools that are in our toolbox right now – testing, finding new ways to interact with each other, enhancing hygiene and infection control protocols. As you know, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issue all sorts of information and guidance on what we should do during this pandemic. We, as a country, were caught a bit off guard when the pandemic started in the U.S. seven months ago. This virus is very contagious, so we instituted lock-downs, stay-at-home proclamations, safer-at-home recommendations – because we didn’t have many other tools available except for physical distancing. With the economy slowing down during the lockdowns, the country started to open up communities. And now, we’re seeing infection nearing the levels of the first months of the pandemic. It is extremely difficult to juggle public health and economic health.

We knew early on that testing and rapid testing were hugely important, but little testing was available in the beginning. Although testing supplies have eased up, testing – and the cost of testing -- is still a big challenge. We are able to test our staff regularly, using campus operational and foundation funds, and so far, we have administered 2,414 COVID-19 tests.

Here at Beatitudes Campus, we are managing our community of approximately 1,000 staff and residents by relying heavily on guidance from federal, state and county health departments, as well as other health experts. We also relied on our colleagues across the country, as we regularly share best practices and experiences on what works and what doesn’t. We very closely watch the data, particularly the data here in Arizona and Maricopa County. We know that what is happening in Arizona is different than what is happening in other states. We are closely watching how schools are protecting students and teachers to learn what works and whether those things will work here at the campus. And, we are slowly easing up restrictions for our Independent Living residents and making sure the lifted restrictions do not lead to more spread of the virus. Additionally, we are pleased that nonprofit life plan communities like ours have a seat at the table at Arizona Gov. Ducey’s Task Force on Long-Term Care, which is focusing on developing recommendations and metrics on how and when visitation in our licensed areas (Health Care Center and Plaza View Assisted Living) can be safely resumed.

There is no playbook for dealing with coronavirus in life plan communities. We are writing each chapter every day. The Arizona playbook is different from the New York one or the California one. But we are managing our relationship with the virus at Beatitudes Campus. As with all relationships, it’s not

always smooth, but I am optimistic about today and about the future of our campus amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. There's no question that this pandemic has changed life as we know it. We are looking at this changed world we are living in with a new lens. The way we see things is fundamentally transformed, and it is bringing exciting new opportunities for how we live, work and play. We are, indeed, strengthened as we continue to fulfill our mission to serve older adults, now and in the future.

We received some very sad news yesterday afternoon. Priscilla Villaroman, a caregiver who worked in the Virginia G. Piper Early Memory Support neighborhood, succumbed to COVID-19. She had a long struggle with this virus, and she passed away yesterday. Our hearts are heavy with grief as we mourn her loss. Priscilla had a special way with our residents in Piper. Her heart was so full of compassion and love for our residents. Families of our residents loved how she served their loved ones – she treated them as her family. Priscilla truly exemplified our core values of Compassion, Accountability, Respect and Excellence. Priscilla joins her husband in heaven, as he too, passed away from COVID-19 last week. May the light of peace and love be with Priscilla's family and with the Beatitudes Community as they face this new loss and give them strength.

During the past week, staff in the Health Care Center and departments that had recent staff positives, were tested and all results came back negative. Additionally, the Arizona Department of Health Services tested staff in Plaza View on Wednesday and all results are negative so far with 56 results still pending but expected today. We will continue to advocate regular testing, as it is vital to control the spread of COVID-19.

And as a reminder, there will be no State of the Campus letter next Tuesday, August 25. However, we will keep in touch if there is a time-sensitive update. Next Friday, August 28, you will hear from Jim Green, Chair of the Beatitudes Campus Board of Directors.

My best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle L. Just". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michelle Just, President and CEO



Date: 8/21/2020

COVID-19 CASES DASHBOARD

BEATITUDES CAMPUS RESIDENT COVID-19 CASES

	Active	Recovered	Deaths	Total
Skilled Nursing/Advanced Memory Support Residents	0	11	7	18
Assisted Living/Early Memory Support/Plaza View Residents	0	12	2	14
Independent Living Residents	0	5	2	7
TOTAL CASES	0	28	11	39

BEATITUDES CAMPUS STAFF COVID-19 CASES

	Active	Recovered	Deaths	Total
Health Care Center - Direct Health Care Staff	0	22	0	22
Health Care Center - Support Staff	1	9	0	10
Assisted Living/Early Memory Support/Plaza View - Direct Health Care Staff	0	10	1	11
Assisted Living/Early Memory Support/Plaza View Support Staff	0	4	0	4
Independent Living Staff (Administration/Home Services/Support Staff)	0	12	0	12
Contracted Health Care Workers	0	2	0	2
TOTAL CASES	1	59	1	61