

September 16, 2020

Dear Beatitudes Families and Residents,

I hope you have been well since we distributed our last correspondence regarding visitations. We are happy to announce that visitations have been a great success. The only suggestion I can offer is to make sure to check with the testing company of your choice to ensure that you can make the guidelines of having a negative COVID-19 result less than 48 hours old at the time of visit. I do have some COVID-19 updates to share as well.

Virginia G. Piper (EMS/Early Memory Support located on 2nd floor of Healthcare Center
As you know, we have been testing direct care staff weekly to help mitigate spread of the virus. For weeks now, we have been 100% negative in both Plaza View and in Virginia G. Piper aka Early Memory (EMS). Our last test did however result in a positive COVID-19 result for one of our caregivers in our Virginia G. Piper aka EMS. The employee's last day worked was Monday September 14, 2020 and did not display any symptoms at the time. Later in the evening, the employee started to get symptoms. The employee was tested on Tuesday September 15, 2020 and their test was positive. The employee was very vigilant in wearing their mask which research shows has been a great way to mitigate spread of the virus. Though no other employees and no residents are displaying any COVID-19 like symptoms, we are currently working with resident's primary care physicians to retest the residents on EMS.

Up to this time we had restarted doing small group activities with 3-4 residents with proper social distancing and proper masking. We were also doing small group field trips around town for sight seeing. These field trips are staff monitored in our bus with proper social distancing, mask wearing and small groups with no stops. The field trips are from Campus to a selected destination with no stops and then back on to Campus. It allows our residents to just see the world outside Beatitudes in a controlled live setting. Due to the recent positive results, activities will be suspended until we can confirm resident test results and communal dining continue to be suspended at this time. In room activities will restart with staff and Life Enrichment on a 1:1 basis. We do have the ability to do video conferencing, but it is by appointment. Please email Melanie Longoni at mlongoni@beatitudescampus.org to schedule availability. At this time, we will need to suspend on campus visitation until we can get results for the COVID-19 testing for the residents. As per CDC, CMS, and AZDHS recommendations, we will be testing all EMS residents who have previously tested negative and any resident who has resulted positive results for COVID-19 and recovered and has had 90 days of recovered time from the first onset of symptoms. We anticipate this may take anywhere from 7-10 days. As soon as we can confirm all negatives, we will resume visitations for EMS residents.

Plaza View Assisted Living

We currently do not have any new cases of COVID-19 in Plaza View with staff or residents. We continue to monitor for symptoms twice daily and continue with masks and infection control protocols to help prevent the spread of the virus. We are doing essential off campus visits only. On campus visits have been successful! Lots of happy tears, smiles and even a happy dance were emanating from families and residents. Thank you all for your cooperation with the guidance set before us from Arizona Department of Health. Small group activities have also resumed in the roomy Plaza View Lounge in groups of 10 and under including chair yoga, Bingo, trivia and other small group activities that can be spaced out for safety. With the weather cooling, more and more Plaza View residents are enjoying the dedicated assisted living outdoor area. We are also doing small group field trips around town for sight seeing. These field trips are staff monitored in our bus with proper social distancing, mask wearing and small groups with no stops. The field trips are from Campus to a selected destination with no stops and then back on to Campus. It allows our residents to just see the world outside Beatitudes in a controlled live setting.

Thanks to all of you for standing by the campus during this uncharted and unfamiliar terrain. There are ever changing rules and regulations with the intent to keep residents and staff safe and it can be overwhelming to keep up with them. Through the ups and downs, we will continue to be transparent with you.

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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