

November 13, 2020

Good Evening Beatitudes Residents and Families,

We come to you all this evening with warm wishes and thoughts of good health. I am certain everyone is glad to have the change in weather and enjoying the cooler fall temperatures.

We have received updated guidance about visitation from the Arizona Department of Health Services (AzDHS) and we are sharing those with you all now. Unfortunately, Arizona has continued to see a rise in positive cases over the past few weeks and, with this rise, Arizona is now in the yellow or moderate level of community spread. Because of this, our limited indoor visits that do not occur on the units will require a negative COVID-19 test. These need to be within 48 hours of the scheduled visit. Please reach out to Sarah Ramias with scheduling questions sramias@beatitudescampus.org

According to guidance dated November 10, 2020 AzDHS corrected their error mandating COVID-19 testing for outdoor visitation. With this change, we will revert to our prior guidance stating that outdoor visits with one person can occur Monday through Friday from approximately 8am to 4pm without COVID-19 testing although it is still recommended but not mandatory.

In addition, AzDHS addressed residents who choose to leave the Health Care Center to visit with a family member during the upcoming holiday season. Since we are not able to rule out an exposure to COVID-19, if a resident leaves the Health Care Center, the resident will be required to quarantine in a private room for 14 days. Because of these quarantine implications, AzDHS is recommending that residents do not leave the facility for anything other than medically necessary visits.

We understand that the holidays are a difficult time to be away from our loved ones, and want to assure you all that we will continue the virtual meetings, phone calls, etc., so you can communicate with your loved ones. In addition, our Life Enrichment Team will be reaching out shortly to the families to gather recordings (video and audio) from you to play for your loved ones during the holidays. We will have our special holiday meals, decorations, gift exchanges and gatherings, all with keeping social distancing and safety in mind.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support with the ever- changing regulations and recommendations. We follow these guidelines to protect our residents and our staff. We are also asking our staff to not gather in groups for the holidays. Continued compliance with infection prevention practices, mask wearing, screening of employees and social distancing have all contributed to the campus being safe as is evidenced with our weekly staff testing. We tested all staff again this past Tuesday, November 10. We are still awaiting all the results.

As always, if you have any questions please, do not hesitate to reach out to myself, tborton@beatitudescampus.org or Matt Brogen, Nurse Manger mbrogen@beatitudescampus.org

Blessings to All,

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