

November 6, 2020

Dear Beatitudes Community,

This past week, in particular, has been an anxious and stressful time for all of us. We are still awaiting results of a contentious presidential election and coronavirus cases are surging throughout the country. Everything seems to be uncertain and we feel like we have no control. Who will be our next president? When will we be able to control the pandemic? I know that my team and I have felt the pressure of all this uncertainty, so we are focusing not on the uncertainty but on what we can control. We are trying to take care of our bodies, minds and spirits and ensuring that we connect with others. Some of us are taking longer than usual walks, some of us are meditating or doing yoga, some of us are counting our blessings and all of us are just making sure we breathe. We are all supporting each other and reaching out a little bit more often to our friends and families. We all try to practice gratitude for our loved ones and life in general. If you are feeling stressed and anxious, make sure you reach out to your family and friends. Call your neighbors to make sure they are OK. Just connecting with others will make you feel less overwhelmed.

Next Wednesday, November 11, we are saluting our veterans on campus and we invite you to join us by making a short video on your phone and uploading it here: <https://bccrew.net/video-upload/>. The veterans who live on the campus fought for the freedom we now enjoy. We want to recognize our residents and thank them for their service. We are very fortunate to live in the world in which we do, and our way of life and the democracy that we enjoy can be directly attributed to the service of our veterans. We want you to help us thank them for their sacrifice. We will put all the videos into one, and it will be available on Veteran's Day on our YouTube Channel and on the Campus Community Channel.

Our staged re-openings throughout campus have been going well. The Bistro is seeing increased use since we re-opened for limited dining for Independent Living (IL) residents only. Please remember that only IL residents or an IL resident and their professional caregiver can take advantage of the indoor dining at this time and reservations must be made. If IL residents want to eat with a family member, we will have outdoor seating available at the Bistro. Please note that only IL residents can enter the Bistro and order the meals. Earlier this week, we expanded the seating to tables for two or four so IL residents are able to eat with neighbors.

I know that you are all thinking about the holidays and trying to plan what you are wanting to do. Next week, we will provide you with guidance and the holiday plans that the campus will make for residents. I am sure you understand when I share that we will not be holding our typical large holiday meals for families to join. I urge you to start planning and thinking about how you will take precautions throughout the season, such as social distancing, outdoor vs. indoor gatherings, small group gatherings instead of large ones.




Our testing program is proving to be quite beneficial in mitigating the spread of the coronavirus. Since we started the staff and contractor testing program for coronavirus, we have performed 5,600 tests. On Tuesday, November 3, we tested 384 staff and contractors; 383 tests were negative. A staff member from Housekeeping tested positive and is asymptomatic and quarantining at home. This individual worked mainly in Independent Living in the common areas, but also served Plaza View Assisted Living. Just today, we learned that another staff member tested positive for COVID-19. This individual is a server in Plaza View Assisted Living, but has not been at work for the past week. We are conducting contact tracing for both these individuals to see if there was any exposure to our staff or residents. Please keep these staff members in your prayers, as well as the Independent Living resident and staff member that we wrote about in previous weeks. We are pleased to report that the Beatitudes at Home caregiver who was in the hospital with COVID-19 has now recovered and will be back at work on Monday.

My best to you and your families in the week ahead. And above all, please stay safe and healthy.



Michelle Just, President and CEO

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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	13	2	15	
Independent Living Residents	1	5	2	8	
TOTAL CASES	1	29	11	41	
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	0	10	0	10	
Assisted Living/Early Memory Support/Plaza View - Direct Health Care Staff	0	11	1	12	
Assisted Living/Early Memory Support/Plaza View Support Staff	2	4	0	6	
Independent Living Staff (Administration/Home Services/Support Staff)	1	15	0	16	
Contracted Health Care Workers	0	2	0	2	
TOTAL CASES	3	64	1	68	

