

November 13, 2020

Dear Beatitudes Community,

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and this year, our Thanksgiving celebrations will probably be different than from past years. COVID-19 hasn't gone away so there are many decisions ahead for everyone. Is it safe to attend a family gathering? Should we wear masks? What if you want to skip the celebrations this year? It is best to assess your risk and plan ahead.

Earlier this week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued new, robust guidance on holiday celebrations. (You can read their guidelines at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>.) CDC advises that you should first look at the infection rate in your community to determine whether to postpone, cancel or limit the number of people at a celebration. Arizona is currently in the moderate rate of infections and trending upward. The state is seeing more than 2,000 new COVID-19 cases a day. The infection rate has gone from 7% last week to 9.7% this week. You should consider your own COVID-19 risk and that of any loved ones in your circle and decide whether it's safe to attend an in-person celebration. Of course, the lowest risk for a celebration is simply celebrating Thanksgiving in your own home with members of your household. Large, indoor gatherings, especially with people from outside your immediate family, pose the highest risk, according to the CDC.

Given Arizona's infection rate, the Arizona Department of Health Services (AzDHS) has given the guidance of outdoor visitation only for our Health Care Center and Assisted Living residents. If a resident chooses to leave the campus to visit family, the resident will be placed in quarantine for 14 days upon return to the campus.

I urge you to think through what you want to do during the holidays and stick to your decision. If you are going to your family's home or hosting a dinner in your home, you can encourage people to bring and use masks. You can practice social distancing by spacing out the chairs at the table. You can limit the number of people attending.

At the campus, we won't be able to host the traditional Thanksgiving Family Dinner that we have had in the past, but we are going to make the day special for all of our residents. For Independent Living residents, throughout the day, we will have a reservation-only Thanksgiving dinner served buffet in Buckwald's (11 am to 2 pm) and in the Bistro (2 pm to 7 pm). Guidelines are posted on our website at <https://beatitudescampus.org/beatitudes-family/>, then click on "Messages for Residents." We also will provide delivery of Thanksgiving meals to resident apartments and loved ones may drop off meals. For our residents in the Health Care Center and Assisted Living areas, we are serving a very special Thanksgiving Dinner in their buildings, complete with all the trimmings! It will be a festive affair!

If you choose not to attend gatherings in person, consider sharing Thanksgiving Day via ZOOM or other phone apps. Yes, it may be a little weird at first, but the past year has been a little weird and we have all have learned to think out of the box. And, most importantly, you still can connect with your loved ones and be risk-free.

On Tuesday, November 10, we tested 282 employees and contractors, and we are pleased to report that all results were negative for COVID-19. As of today, we have two staff, which we reported on earlier, with COVID-19 and no residents with the virus. We thank everyone for wearing their masks, avoiding large crowds and social distancing and practice good hand hygiene practices.

Thank you for your encouragement as we protect our residents and staff. Please stay safe.

My best,



Michelle Just, President and CEO

 Date: 11/13/2020				
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	13	2	15
Independent Living Residents	0	6	2	8
TOTAL CASES	0	30	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	1	5	0	6
Independent Living Staff (Administration/Home Services/Support Staff)	1	15	0	16
Contracted Health Care Workers	0	2	0	2
TOTAL CASES	2	65	1	68

