

December 11, 2020

Dear Beatitudes Families and Residents,

Good afternoon. As many of you know, COVID-19 cases continue to rise all around us. There has also been lots of media regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. It is important to remember that though the vaccination process will be beginning within the next few weeks/months, we must stay vigilant in preventing the spread of the virus. With the increased number of COVID-19 positive individuals, we have moved and stayed in Substantial category as defined by the Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). As some of you know, outside visitations are once again requiring negative test results within 48 hours of being tested and Designated Essential Visitors (DEV) are required to be tested twice a week. We are also testing our Assisted Living and Early Memory staff to twice weekly to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

It is because of this twice weekly testing that we were able to catch a positive employee in Assisted Living who works on the overnight shift. The employee tested negative on Thursday December 7, and negative again on December 10, but tested positive for COVID-19 on December 14. The last day worked for this employee was Sunday, December 13 on an overnight shift. The employee was not displaying any symptoms while working and did not present any symptoms until the evening of December 14. The employee is diligent in mask wearing and hand hygiene and should have had minimal prolonged contact with residents, partially due to the fact that this person worked overnights. The employee remains with mild symptoms and is quarantined at home. Residents who had possible exposure currently have no symptoms and are being closely monitored. As recommended by AZDHS and CDC, we will be testing those residents that the employee may have had contact with on Thursday, December 17, 2020. Results will be available within 24 hours and will notify by exemption.

With the holidays around the corner, we are encouraging that residents only leave for essential medical appointments. After returning from the essential leave, residents will undergo a 14-day quarantine. We recommend video conferencing, phone calls, or DEV visitation. This will truly help minimize exposure of COVID-19 to your loved ones. You are also welcome to drop off food and goodies as well as photos and cards and we can



deliver them to your loved ones. I am happy to report that every resident has agreed and wants to get the COVID-19 vaccine when available. Once AZDHS gives guidance on logistics of the vaccination process, we will share them with you.

Please continue to stay diligent in protecting yourselves during this pandemic. We appreciate your constant support. I want to wish you all good health. 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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