

December 30, 2020

Dear Beatitudes Families and Residents,

Good evening. I hope you are all staying safe and doing well with all the increased COVID-19 cases that are all over the state. Throughout this pandemic, we have been able to keep COVID-19 for the most part out of Assisted Living. As you watch the news, you are seeing that positive cases throughout the world are at all-time highs, as we wait for the vaccines to come. We know Operation Warp Speed's goal was to vaccinate 20 million people by the end of 2020, but as of today, only 2.3 million vaccines have been administered nationwide. We know that the Arizona Department of Health Services (AzDHS) has received the vaccines and they have a plan to administer, but we are still waiting for a firmer date as to when they will be administered. From the beginning of our most recent positive case, residents have been placed in quarantine per AzDHS protocol and staff have used the highest level of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Resident activities were placed back to individual activities that can be completed in their homes. Outdoor activities and visitations have been suspended per AzDHS protocol and only essential medical appointments are being recommended at this time. Mobile providers are still able to come as they are frequently testing staff and residents at this time.

Our protocol is to conduct testing twice weekly by our staff in our attempt to catch positive cases early. It is because of this frequency that we have identified 13 COVID-19 positive residents in Assisted Living, none in Early Memory and three more staff in Assisted Living. We did have four employees who recovered from COVID-19 and came back to work. If possible, we are currently moving our COVID-19 positive residents into our COVID-19 unit located in the Agelink Building on the east side of campus for quarantine. The positive residents and staff range from having no symptoms to mild symptoms. The residents have been given prompt medical care. The positive staff members are in quarantine in their homes. We are working closely with AzDHS and Maricopa County Department of Health Services (Maricopa DHS) while under COVID-19 quarantine and continue to do diligent contact tracing.

Because of quarantine protocol, we are limiting outings to essential medical appointments only. Visitations continue to be suspended at this time. Salon appointments and Beatitudes at Home services continue to be suspended until AzDHS and Maricopa DHS clears us from Quarantine Protocol. I would like to thank you for your continued understanding, support and cooperation.

Please continue to stay diligent in protecting yourselves during this pandemic. I want to wish you all good health and happy holidays. Please feel free to drop off presents, cards or goodies for your loved ones at the Plaza View screening station and we will get them to your loved ones. We will continue to let you know about any updates as we have them. 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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