

December 31, 2020

Dear Beatitudes Community,

In a year unlike any other, I want to thank all of you for pulling together as a community to fight the coronavirus pandemic. Although, by now, we have grown somewhat accustomed to mask wearing and social distancing, this year has taught us that it takes all of us working together to beat this virus. It takes a village – a network of personal relationships and common values – to connect and bind us together. Thank you for supporting us through 2020, and I look forward to your support in the years to come.

On Tuesday, we witnessed a fitting end to 2020 – the arrival of COVID-19 vaccinations for our Health Care Center residents and staff. It was so wonderful – a true celebration of hope and light, as 132 residents and staff were vaccinated here at the campus! Vaughn Hillyard of MSNBC and his crew were on campus for nearly 12 hours documenting this story of hope and protection that the COVID-19 vaccines will give us and featuring Hootie Redwine and Peggy Allaire, Beatitudes Campus residents. Hootie and Peggy have been together for 39 years, but the pandemic forced them to be apart for most of the last nine months, because Hootie lives in independent living and Peggy has been in the Health Care Center for the past three years. “It’s a miracle,” said Hootie of the vaccine. Everyone was teary-eyed with joy, even the reporter, as Hootie witnessed Peggy receiving the first dose of the vaccine via FaceTime on her phone.

It takes each and every one of us to reach out and comfort each other. It takes a village to maintain our strength and hope as we go through this pandemic.

I hope you will take time to watch two clips from the day. You can see them by clicking on the links that follow:

The pre-vaccine Hootie interview: <https://on.msnbc.com/3aVBso3>

The FaceTime Vaccination: <https://on.msnbc.com/3pE70mi>

Since we last wrote to you, I want to let you know that we have opened our COVID-19 unit in the Agelink building on the east side of campus. This unit was built to quarantine our residents who test positive for COVID-19 and require specialized nursing care. We have a dedicated healthcare staff who is only working in this unit and not in other areas of campus. By New Year’s Day, we anticipate that will have a full unit. We know that this is the safest and best way to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus.

Maricopa County is seeing quite a surge in the number of COVID-19 cases. Our 2 week positivity rate is 17.2%. We anticipated a surge in cases after holiday celebrations and, unfortunately, we have witnessed it here on campus. Last week, we reported 31 cases among staff and residents, and this week we have 48 cases (21 residents and 27 staff/contractors). We have completed contact tracing and all cases are in quarantine at their home or in the COVID-19 unit. The breakdown for the residents is: two positive residents living in Independent Living (four have recovered); 17 residents living in Plaza

View Assisted Living/Early Memory Support (an addition of 13 since last week); and two residents living in Skilled Nursing/Advanced Memory Support (an addition of one since last week). Since last week, staff cases have remained the same in the Health Care Center. The number of cases for Plaza View Assisted Living/Early Memory Support has increased by one for direct health care staff and increased by three for support staff. In Independent Living staff, the cases have increased by seven, including 1 salon contractor. For Contracted Health Care Workers, we saw an increase of two staff. Please join me in keeping all these individuals and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to mitigate the spread among residents and staff at the campus. According to our contact tracing, transmission started with family gatherings three weeks ago and quickly escalated to person-to-person contact at campus. In response to this recent surge, we have pulled back on resident gatherings and continue to do delivery or pickup of meals. We are temporarily suspending worship services and Mass. We need all of your support and compliance with mask-wearing, social distancing, forgoing large gatherings and practicing good hand hygiene. We have done so well in the past ten months, let's get over this hump.

As Hootie said in her interview, "Today, I can finally remember what hope is like." I have hope for the future. I am optimistic that we will continue to come together and support each other through this pandemic – it is our mission. We need one another to give us strength as we face 2021.

Thank you for giving me hope. May all of you have a blessed and safe new year. We are Beatitudes Strong!

My best,



Michelle Just, President and CEO



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<b>COVID-19 CASES DASHBOARD</b>				
<b>BEATITUDES CAMPUS RESIDENT COVID-19 CASES</b>				
	<b>Active</b>	<b>Recovered</b>	<b>Deaths</b>	<b>Total</b>
Skilled Nursing/Advanced Memory Support Residents	2	11	7	<b>20</b>
Assisted Living/Early Memory Support/Plaza View Residents	17	15	2	<b>34</b>
Independent Living Residents	2	10	2	<b>14</b>
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>BEATITUDES CAMPUS STAFF COVID-19 CASES</b>				
	<b>Active</b>	<b>Recovered</b>	<b>Deaths</b>	<b>Total</b>
Health Care Center - Direct Health Care Staff	2	23	0	<b>25</b>
Health Care Center - Support Staff	1	10	0	<b>11</b>
Assisted Living/Early Memory Support/Plaza View - Direct Health Care Staff	5	12	1	<b>18</b>
Assisted Living/Early Memory Support/Plaza View Support Staff	2	9	0	<b>11</b>
Independent Living Staff (Administration/Home Services/Support Staff)	15	17	0	<b>32</b>
Contracted Health Care Workers	2	2	0	<b>4</b>
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>101</b>