

December 4, 2020

Dear Beatitudes Community,

So much has changed in the past year – the world around us, our neighborhoods, gathering spaces, the places we work and call home. The coronavirus crisis reminds us of our shared fragility. It has brought to light how everything and everyone is truly connected. For the past nine months, we have stood together as one family fighting this virus. Don't throw your hard work away now. It is at this moment when we need to continue to be vigilant about the preventive measures of mask wearing, hand washing, social distancing and avoiding crowds. While effective COVID-19 vaccines are on the horizon, until all of us have access to it, we need to continue to do all that we can do to mitigate the spread of the virus.

We are hearing some very good news about the coronavirus vaccine. Much information (and misinformation) is being discussed about vaccine availability. Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey said in a press conference on Wednesday that the state is expected to receive “thousands” of doses of vaccine for COVID-19 by mid-December. He laid out a general distribution plan that gives first priority to healthcare workers, other essential workers and residents of long term care and other “vulnerable populations.” I am working nonstop with the county and state health departments and with our membership organization, Arizona LeadingAge, to advocate for all life plan community residents and staff be priority for the vaccine. As more details are worked out, I will provide you with the distribution plan and a Q&A about the vaccine. As has been the case throughout the pandemic, everything is fluid and can change at a moments' notice.

Confirmed COVID-19 cases in Arizona reached 346,421 on Thursday, December 2, an increase of 5,441 from the previous day, according to the Arizona Department of Health Services. The past three-day increase of 19,603 new cases represents the biggest three-day increase of COVID-19 cases in Arizona since the start of the pandemic and shows that COVID-19 is still actively circulating in our community.

Because of this surge, visitation in our licensed areas of Assisted Living and the Health Care Center has changed. Visitation for Independent Living residents currently remains the same. All visitor guidelines can be found on <https://beatitudescampus.org/beatitudes-family/> and clicking on Visitor Guideline and Forms. For Independent Living residents, I want to reiterate that all packages to or from residents should be delivered directly to/from the resident apartment. Please do not drop off your packages at the front desk, as we have ceased our delivery service.

On Tuesday, December 1, we tested 381 staff and contractors with the PCR COVID-19 test. Results are still arriving, but as of this writing, 380 are negative and one result is pending. We do have one home companion who tested positive over Thanksgiving weekend. The companion is at home in quarantine, and contact tracing has been finalized. Our prayers go out to the companion and the family.

I am so proud of the unquestionable strength of our community as we fight the spread of this virus. We are Beatitudes Strong!

My best,



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	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	23	0	23
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	0	6	0	6
Independent Living Staff (Administration/Home Services/Support Staff)	1	16	0	17
Contracted Health Care Workers	0	2	0	2
TOTAL CASES	1	68	1	70

