

January 15, 2021

Dear Beatitudes Community,

It's been another unsettling week for our country, both with our political atmosphere and the coronavirus pandemic. I remain hopeful that we will work together as a caring nation and unite to strengthen the bonds of our democracy. I am hopeful that the future will be strong, as we come together to manage the pandemic, using all the tools we have.

Arizona's new COVID-19 case rates continue to rank highest in the country. The state's seven-day average was 134.7 cases per 100,000 people, while the U.S. average is 74.8 cases per 100,000 people. Hospitals are seeing a surge within a surge, and experts say it will worsen in the next few weeks. As you see, we are not out of the woods yet. One of the hopes we have is that yesterday, the state of Arizona announced that it is releasing the vaccine to individuals 65 years and older in Maricopa County, starting next Tuesday, January 19. I know that scheduling a vaccine has caused great angst among all of us, but I am led to believe that the process is becoming smoother. Additionally, the state is opening additional PODs, including one closer to campus at Grand Canyon University. The state is also opening a second mass vaccination site at Phoenix Municipal Stadium starting February 1. More information on the ever-changing state and county vaccination plan can be found at <http://podvaccine.azdhs.gov>, and you can schedule appointments for multiple family members. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call 1-844-542-8201, and specialists will help register people for the vaccine.

We are pleased that we have confirmed the date – Tuesday, January 26 – for a COVID-19 vaccination clinic here at Beatitudes Campus for all remaining staff and for all residents across the campus. Also at that time, Skilled Nursing and Advanced Memory Support staff and residents who received their first vaccination in December's clinic (December 29) will receive their second vaccination. This is indeed good news! Soon, we will be sending out detailed information about the clinic as we receive it. If any residents have already received their first vaccine at a POD site, they cannot receive their second vaccine at this clinic, as the type of vaccine given at the PODs is the Pfizer/BioNTech and the vaccine used at Beatitudes Campus is the Moderna vaccine. If you have already secured an appointment at one of the PODs, please keep that appointment, as plans are very fluid and may change.

COVID-19 cases are rising at Beatitudes Campus. On Monday, January 11, 311 PCR COVID-19 tests were administered to all staff and we had seven employees test positive (2% positivity rate). This week we have had several residents (14 residents) and staff (12 staff) recover from COVID-19. We are so grateful that they are healthy. This week, we are reporting 59 total active COVID-19 cases among residents and staff on campus. Among our residents, 23 live in Plaza View Assisted Living and six residents live in Independent Living. Among our staff, six work in the Health Care Center (five direct care staff and one support staff), seven work in Plaza View Assisted Living/Early Memory Support (six direct care staff and one support staff), and 17 work in Independent Living. This has been quite a demanding and challenging time for residents, staff and families.

Sadly, this week, seven residents have passed away due to complications of COVID-19. The cruelty of this pandemic seems limitless, and we all mourn for these beautiful souls. We pray for those we have lost to the pandemic and extend our prayers of comfort to their families and friends. Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness. This past week, our leadership team prayed that we all see the light from the God of hope and carry it with us. Together we can create a brighter light. Amen.

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	13	7	20
Assisted Living/Early Memory Support/Plaza View Residents	22	32	9	63
Independent Living Residents	7	14	4	25
TOTAL CASES	29	59	20	108
BEATITUDES CAMPUS STAFF COVID-19 CASES				
	Active	Recovered	Deaths	Total
Health Care Center - Direct Health Care Staff	5	26	0	31
Health Care Center - Support Staff	1	11	0	12
Assisted Living/Early Memory Support/Plaza View - Direct Health Care Staff	6	18	1	25
Assisted Living/Early Memory Support/Plaza View Support Staff	1	12	0	13
Independent Living Staff (Administration/Home Services/Support Staff)	17	29	0	46
Contractor	0	5	0	5
TOTAL CASES	30	101	1	132

