

February 26, 2021

Dear Beatitudes Community,

This week the United States passed a heartbreaking milestone. More than half a million souls have been lost due to the coronavirus pandemic. To me, these numbers aren't just statistics or metrics. These numbers represent an unimaginable loss for our society and for our campus. Every person we lost to the virus had family and friends, who are reeling from the loss. Our society and our communities are grieving. Yet, I am quite hopeful that we are starting our way down the path to more normalcy. Things will get better. The case rate and the death rate are coming down, and we are several months into vaccinating people. New vaccines are on the clear horizon.

On March 2, we will hold a virtual service of remembrance and healing at the campus to remember and honor all of our beloved residents whom we lost since September 2020. We will be able to put a face on these individuals and lift a prayer for comfort to their families and friends. You can view the service at this link: <https://bit.ly/37SrKQT>

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the coronavirus has hit long-term care facilities particularly hard, accounting for more than one-third of all virus deaths since late spring. However, since the arrival of vaccines and the prioritization of nursing homes receiving the first vaccines, new cases and deaths have fallen steeply and have outpaced national declines. According to the New York Times, from December to early February, new cases among nursing home residents fell by more than 80 percent, nearly double the rate of improvement in the general population. This turnaround is an encouraging sign for vaccine effectiveness and an early glimpse into what may be in store for the rest of the country as more people get vaccinated. Our vaccination clinic on Tuesday, February 23, was a huge success! We are still downloading the numbers, but we do know that about 91% of residents in Independent Living received vaccines, nearly 100% of residents in the Health Care Center and Assisted Living were vaccinated. Thank you all for protecting yourself and for protecting others.

And, in part due to the number of people vaccinated as well as our continued strict adherence to public health guidelines, we are going to begin to re-open the campus in phases. Specific details are in the Roadrunner and will be on the Community Channel as well as our website (<https://beatitudescampus.org/beatitudes-family/>, click on Messages for Residents). Right now, these re-opening guidelines and activities are for Independent Living residents only. For our licensed areas, we are awaiting further guidance from the state and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and we hope that the guidance will come soon. We have determined the number of residents allowed in each of our meeting areas (Lobbies, Board Rooms, Life Center, Rec Room, Fitness Center, Swimming Pool); those numbers are listed in the Roadrunner and posted in each area. On March 1, we are opening dining in the Bistro, with limited dine-in capacity (up to four residents per table) for all three meals. Off-campus visitors cannot come into the Bistro but can dine outdoors. Deliveries and pick-up orders will continue to be available at both the Bistro and at Buckwald's. We are starting back our weekly shopping trips three times a week and our trips to Spectrum Mall and other favorite stores



will happen regularly throughout the month. Our Support Groups will be meeting regularly – some in person and some virtual and some will have both options. Our Spiritual Life programming will also resume for Independent Living residents on a limited basis, such as the Friday Prayer and Praise service, Catholic Mass and Bible Study. For Assisted Living residents, the Thursday Devotional Service (with communion) will begin again in Plaza View Lounge. On March 9, our amenities will open – the Beauty Salon, Gift Shop and Backstreet Boutique.

It is our hope that these openings can be expanded, but, as has been the case for the past year, we will rely on science and guidance to make decisions. Of course, we will still require that public health measures be taken in all circumstances – masks, social distancing and hand hygiene.

We continue our testing program for staff and residents in our licensed buildings and, this week, all results are negative for COVID-19. We still have two staff with Covid-19, and they will be returning to work next week. Detailed information is on our COVID-19 dashboard at the end of this letter.

I can honestly say that I now see the light of normalcy again. I know we aren't quite there yet, but these new measures are a giant leap into the engaged and inviting community that we yearn for.

Be well and stay safe. If you have any questions, please reach out to [BeWell@BeatitudesCampus.org](mailto:BeWell@BeatitudesCampus.org) and we will try to answer.

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	0	50	15	65
Independent Living Residents	0	23	5	28
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>113</b>

### BEATITUDES CAMPUS STAFF COVID-19 CASES

	Active	Recovered	Deaths	Total
Health Care Center - Direct Health Care Staff	0	32	0	32
Health Care Center - Support Staff	1	12	0	13
Assisted Living/Early Memory Support/Plaza View - Direct Health Care Staff	0	28	1	29
Assisted Living/Early Memory Support/Plaza View Support Staff	1	16	0	17
Independent Living Staff (Administration/Home Services/Support Staff)	0	56	0	56
Contracted Health Care Workers	0	5	0	5
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>152</b>