

August 6, 2021

Dear Beatitudes Community,

Even with the rapidly spreading Delta variant of COVID-19, we, at Beatitudes Campus, are able to reclaim our lives on campus – with the protection of masks and vaccinations. Because we know how to be safe and how to keep our community safe, we have been able to continue with our group meetings like the Studio, Sundaes with Dave and Town Hall. We are enjoying our bridge groups, book clubs and music gatherings. We are planning for the future, because we know that we can be safe by using the two most important tools of prevention – being vaccinated and wearing masks indoors when we are with other people.

We will continue to require universal masking of residents and staff, whether fully vaccinated or not. This guidance comes from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which states that masks should be worn indoors with groups of people in communities with high COVID-19 positivity rates. Maricopa County has a 15% positivity rate, which puts us in the “high” range. We are continuing to test all staff whether vaccinated or not on a weekly basis. Staff working in our licensed areas (Assisted Living and the Health Care Center) will be tested twice a week, according to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Without having a crystal ball to know when the pandemic will end, Beatitudes Campus will continue to remain nimble and cope with the Delta variant by following recommendations and guidance from the experts.

We continue to see 98% of residents vaccinated and 73.15% of staff vaccinated. Since last Friday’s letter, two fully vaccinated Patio Home residents (living together) have tested positive for COVID-19 and one fully vaccinated staff (support staff in the Health Care Center) has tested positive, bringing our total active cases this week to six people, (3 residents and 3 staff) with two people recovered. I want to reassure you that none of the COVID-19 cases are related to exposure at Beatitudes Campus – all of them were exposed to family members or community members outside of the campus. This knowledge further substantiates that what we are doing at the campus – vaccinations, mask wearing and testing – is keeping us safe.

Please continue to stay healthy and safe – physically and mentally.

My best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle L. Just".

Michelle Just, President and CEO

