

December 23, 2021

Greetings Beatitudes Family:

We have been enjoying the holidays and all of the celebrations surrounding our residents' traditions. It has been so good to see so many assisted living residents' smiles and enjoy their recounting of their family gatherings over the years. We continue to be thankful that we have been able to return to some "norms", but yet at the same time, we are seeing the new Omicron variant taking hold and spreading at a rapid rate. Our precautions remain in place and we are still very grateful for the COVID -19 vaccines available for staff and residents. Our booster clinic recently took place and we continue to encourage everyone to be fully vaccinated and boosted. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Arizona Department of Health (AZDHS) have identified that residents in settings like our campus continue to be the most vulnerable, so we still are wearing masks, screening each employee and visitor as well as restricting dining in the Plaza View dining room to residents only. Our new "Accushield" screening station has been set up in the lobby area which provides technology that not only takes temperatures, but also prints badges for staff and visitors.

We do want to let you know that while we have no current positives among residents in Plaza View or Virginia Piper Residences, we have one caregiver-medication technician who has tested positive with rapid testing. That positive is being confirmed today through the even more definitive PCR testing. This employee will not be working until the conclusion of quarantine and confirmation of negative status.

It is important for you to know that one positive employee does not constitute an outbreak in assisted living, however, out of an abundance of caution, all staff will be going to wearing KN95 masks and shields. Additionally, all staff are being tested again today, as well. We will also be testing any residents who are experiencing any symptoms. We will certainly let you know the status of the testing results and any necessary changes. For now, we continue to have the following measures in place:

- **Residents must wear masks when outside their rooms.** Even when there is an absence of positive cases, research has shown that people may be carrying the virus and have no symptoms. Masks help prevent spread of the virus.
- **Masks must be worn when going to a necessary medical appointment.** If you need a mask, please let a caregiver know. We will also offer residents a KN95 mask to any resident going off site for the holiday
- **Wash your hands or sanitize before leaving your room and after coming back in.** Please also use the alcohol based hand sanitizer located at the elevator entrance and at the Plaza View entrance before and after going outside to prevent the spread of disease from any unknown contact with bacteria and viruses.

We so appreciate your patience, understanding and cooperation in helping keep our campus healthy.

Sincerely,



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