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To: Residents and Staff
From: Sharon Silkroski, Executive Director, Baptist Homes
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Subject: Weekly COVID-19 Update
Date: July 31, 2020

Baptist Homes Society continues our battle with the COVID-19 virus. Since our last weekly update on July 23, 2020, two healthcare center residents on the Providence Point campus have tested positive for COVID-19 and no residents on the Baptist Homes campus have tested positive. Between both campuses, a total of seven staff members and two contracted staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. We have contacted anyone who was potentially exposed to the virus due to close contact with these individuals to inform them of the possible exposure, and next steps to take. Retesting due to potential exposure will be completed.

The skilled nursing, personal care, and memory support residences continue to follow the Governor's mandates regarding visitation, communal dining, group activities, and beauty and barber services. In addition, staff and visitors continue to be screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 at the time of entering our buildings. Staff and visitors **must wear a mask at all times while in our buildings**. All packages for healthcare residents are to be left outside our entrances for delivery by our staff.

In accordance with the updated guidelines issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Health outlining the process to follow in an incremental lifting of the restrictions, Baptist Homes Society continues to work on plans for the re-opening of our campuses. An important part of that process is COVID-19 testing for healthcare residents and staff, which is currently ongoing. We will keep you apprised of our progress in the re-opening process.

The resurgence in the number of positive cases in Pennsylvania is continuing; therefore, the Department of Health has kept restrictions and orders in place for all residents of the Commonwealth. In order to help to contain the spread of COVID-19 and to keep ourselves, our families, and the residents we serve free from the COVID-19 virus, each of us must be diligent to continue to:

- Wear masks while at work, **ensuring mask covers both nose and mouth**,
- Follow the mandate of the state's expanded face-covering and mask-wearing order to, essentially, wear a mask "whenever anyone leaves home,"
- Practice social distancing of 6 feet or more,
- Continue to observe appropriate cough and sneeze etiquette,
- Continue to wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, and
- Use hand sanitizer frequently when hand washing is not practicable.

Thank you for your continued understanding, cooperation, and compliance with all of the measures that are in place due to COVID-19.