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To: Residents and Staff
From: Alvin W. Allison, Jr., President & CEO
Subject: Weekly COVID-19 Update
Date: August 28, 2020

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Baptist Homes Society continues our ongoing battle with the COVID-19 virus. Since our last weekly update on August 21, 2020, no residents on either campus have tested positive for COVID-19. Two dining services staff members on the Providence Point campus have tested positive; however, these individuals had no contact with residents. 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 or already has been 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. We will keep you apprised of our progress in the re-opening process. More information about the state requirements to reopen can be found at <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Guidance/SNF-Guidance.aspx>.

The number of COVID-19 cases continues to grow in Pennsylvania. 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,
- Follow the state's mandate of the expanded face-covering and mask-wearing order to, essentially, wear a mask "whenever anyone leaves home,"
- Wear masks appropriately, **ensuring mask covers both nose AND mouth,**
- 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.

Please continue to keep Baptist Homes Society, our residents, and our staff in your prayers.

God bless you.