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To: Residents and Staff  
From: Alvin W. Allison, Jr., President & CEO   
Subject: Weekly COVID-19 Update  
Date: November 13, 2020

Baptist Homes Society continues our ongoing battle with the COVID-19 virus. Since our last weekly update on November 6, 2020, one skilled nursing resident and one staff member on the Mt. Lebanon campus tested positive for COVID-19. On the Providence Point campus, two staff members in personal care and two staff members in dining services 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.

In accordance with the guidelines issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, family visitation for skilled nursing and personal care has been suspended on both campuses at this time.

The skilled nursing, personal care, and memory support residences continue to follow federal and state mandates. 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.

We take the health, safety, and security of our residents very seriously. As you know, COVID-19 can have very serious health complications, possibly leading to hospitalization or even death. **With the danger of infection posed by the increased number of COVID-19 cases in Allegheny County, as well as the surrounding counties, we strongly encourage you to NOT take your family member out of Baptist Homes or Providence Point for an outing or visit. Getting together in groups for holidays increases the risk to your loved one.**

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 to 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 and avoid gatherings of more than 10 people,
- 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.