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To: Residents and Staff
From: Alvin W. Allison, Jr., President & CEO 
Subject: Weekly COVID-19 Update
Date: May 7, 2021

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, Baptist Homes Society remains committed to the fulfillment of our mission. Since our last weekly COVID-19 update on April 30, two Baptist Homes skilled nursing residents and one skilled nursing activity aide have tested positive for COVID-19.

Per recent CMS guidelines, staff continue to be tested routinely. Residents and staff will be tested if symptomatic or in the event of a positive case. As has been previously mentioned, in the event of a positive case in either a resident or staff member, visitation will be suspended until outbreak testing is completed.

At Providence Point, visitation is open in personal care. Visitation in memory support is temporarily suspended. Visitation in Providence Point skilled nursing continues by appointment only. At Baptist Homes, visitation on the second floor of skilled nursing remains temporarily suspended. Visitation on the third floor of skilled nursing is open by appointment only. To schedule a visit, please call Sue Lauer at 412-350-9654 Monday through Friday during normal business hours. Visitation continues in Baptist Homes personal care. Screening, masking, and social distancing guidelines have not changed.

The federal (CMS) regulations for visitation were updated on Tuesday, April 27, for healthcare entities. Visitation specifics for skilled nursing and personal care on each campus can be found on the websites under the Resources tab and the 'Visiting our Community' link.

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 and must wear a mask at all times while on our campuses, inside or outside of our buildings. Direct care staff must continue to wear N-95 masks.

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 both while at work, as well as outside your home in the community.
- Wear well-fitting masks appropriately, ensuring mask covers both nose AND mouth,
- Practice social distancing of 6 feet or more and avoid large gatherings,
- 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.