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To: Residents and Staff
From: Alvin W. Allison, Jr., President & CEO
Subject: Weekly COVID-19 Update
Date: July 9, 2021

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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 July 2, no staff members on either campus and no residents on the Providence Point campus have tested positive for COVID-19. At Baptist Homes, one skilled nursing resident who was tested at the hospital at time of their discharge per regulation has tested positive for COVID-19.

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

At Baptist Homes, visitation on the second floor skilled nursing unit continues to be temporarily suspended. Visitation is open in personal care, and in skilled nursing on the third floor and in the first floor green zone. As of Friday, June 18, visitors are no longer required to make an appointment to visit skilled nursing residents in the green zone at Baptist Homes.

Visitation in Providence Point's skilled nursing, personal care and memory support residences is open. An appointment is required for visits in skilled nursing.

The skilled nursing, personal care, and memory support residences continue to follow federal and state mandates. While mask wearing is optional in the community for fully vaccinated individuals, because our communities are congregate care settings, masks still **must be worn** in all skilled nursing, personal care and memory support areas by staff and visitors whether vaccinated or unvaccinated. All residents must wear masks while outside of their rooms. Staff and visitors continue to be screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 at the time of entering our buildings.

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:

- Wear masks both while at work, as well as in high risk areas or in locations where there may be unvaccinated individuals,
- Ensure mask fits snugly and mask covers both nose AND mouth,
- Continue to wear masks and practice physical distancing of 6 feet or more if you are unvaccinated,
- 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.