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To: Residents and Staff  
From: Al Allison, President & CEO  
Subject: Weekly COVID-19 Update  
Date: July 17, 2020

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Baptist Homes Society's battle with the COVID-19 virus continues. Since our last weekly update on July 10, 2020, there have been no residents at the Baptist Homes and Providence Point campuses who have tested positive for COVID-19. We had one newly-hired employee who tested positive for COVID-19. This individual was in the orientation process, was masked, and had no contact with any residents. All staff who had contact with this individual have been tested and are negative for COVID-19. There are currently no residents or staff members who are symptomatic for COVID-19 on either of our campuses.

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.

Baptist Homes Society continues to work on plans for the re-opening of our campuses. This includes another round of universal COVID-19 testing for healthcare residents and staff, which is in process. We are following the updated guidelines issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Health which outline the process to follow in an incremental lifting of the restrictions noted above. We will keep you apprised of our progress in this process.

The resurgence in the number of positive cases in Pennsylvania is continuing, prompting the Department of Health to impose new restrictions and orders for all residents of the Commonwealth. Therefore, 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.

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