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To: Residents and Staff
From: Alvin W. Allison, Jr., President & CEO
Subject: Weekly COVID-19 Update
Date: October 16, 2020

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Baptist Homes Society continues our ongoing battle with the COVID-19 virus. Since our last weekly update on October 9, 2020, no residents on either campus have tested positive for COVID-19. We were notified today that one contracted staff member on the Baptist Homes campus, whose last day worked was Friday, October 9, 2020, has tested positive. At the present time, no residents or staff members are symptomatic for COVID-19. We will conduct COVID-19 testing of all Baptist Homes campus staff and skilled nursing residents.

In accordance with the guidelines issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, due to the positive case in the Baptist Homes skilled nursing residence, family visitation for skilled nursing will be suspended for at least 14 days on the Mt. Lebanon campus. Personal care visitation on the Baptist Homes campus will be suspended temporarily pending the results of COVID-19 testing of the personal care staff. Beauty and barber services will be suspended for all Baptist Homes campus residents at this time. Family visits will continue on the Providence Point campus.

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

New COVID-19 cases continue to be reported in Allegheny County and throughout 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.