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To: Residents and Staff
From: Alvin W. Allison, Jr., President & CEO
Subject: Weekly COVID-19 Update
Date: December 23 2020

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Baptist Homes Society continues our ongoing battle with the COVID-19 virus. Since our last weekly update on December 17, 2020, three personal care residents and eight skilled nursing residents on the Baptist Homes campus tested positive for COVID-19. In addition, eight skilled nursing, one activity, one personal care and one contracted therapy staff member have tested positive on the Baptist Homes campus. At Providence Point, one personal care resident and three skilled nursing staff members tested positive. We are following state and federal guidelines and requirements for follow up, testing, and retesting.

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 on our campuses, inside or outside our buildings. All skilled nursing and personal care residents should wear masks at all times except when eating or showering. 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, in accordance with the recommendations of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), 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 the 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 both while at work, as well as outside your home in the community.
- 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. We wish you a very blessed Christmas.