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To: Residents and Staff  
From: Alvin W. Allison, Jr., President & CEO  
Subject: Weekly COVID-19 Update  
Date: March 12, 2021

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As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, Baptist Homes Society remains committed to the fulfillment of our mission. I am very pleased to report that since our last weekly COVID-19 update on March 5, no residents or staff members on either campus have tested positive for COVID-19.

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.

We are pleased that we are finishing the COVID-19 vaccination clinics on each campus. As of today, over 95% of residents and over 70% of staff have received the vaccine.

The federal (CMS) regulations for visitation were updated on Wednesday, March 10, for healthcare entities. Visitation specifics for skilled nursing and personal care on each campus can be found on the websites under the Resources tab, Visitation links for skilled nursing or personal care. Guidelines for screening, masks, and social distancing have not changed.

Per the new CMS guidelines, staff will 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.

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.