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To: Residents and Staff
From: Alvin W. Allison, Jr., President & CEO
Subject: Weekly COVID-19 Update
Date: March 5, 2021

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 February 26, no residents on the Baptist Homes campus have tested positive, and one skilled nursing staff member tested positive for COVID-nineteen. At Providence Point, no residents or staff have tested positive for COVID-nineteen.

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. All packages for healthcare residents are to be left outside our entrances for delivery by our staff.

We are pleased that COVID-19 vaccinations continue to take place for all residents on both of our campuses. As of today, over 95% of residents and over 68% of staff have received the vaccine, with at least one more clinic for residents and staff scheduled over the next few weeks.

Despite the administration of the COVID vaccine, the federal (CMS) regulations for visitation, screening, testing, masks, and social distancing have not changed. However, Baptist Homes Personal Care has resumed scheduled visitation, and congregate dining and beauty/barber services will resume on March 8. Baptist Homes Skilled Nursing will not be able to resume scheduled visitation or beauty/barber services until a later date. Providence Point Skilled Nursing resumed beauty/barber services on March 1, and will resume scheduled visitation the week of March 8. Providence Point Personal Care and Memory Support beauty/barber services and visitation remain suspended at this time.

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.