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To: Residents and Staff
From: Alvin W. Allison, Jr., President & CEO
Subject: Weekly COVID-19 Update
Date: April 9, 2021

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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 April 1, there have been no positive COVID-19 cases on the Baptist Homes campus. One staff member in the Providence Point Memory Care Residence tested positive for the virus on April 7.

Per recent CMS guidelines, staff continue to be tested routinely. Residents and staff will be tested if symptomatic or in the event of a positive case. As has been previously mentioned, in the event of a positive case in either a resident or staff member, visitation will be suspended until outbreak testing is completed.

At Providence Point, visitation is temporarily suspended in personal care and memory support. Visitation continues by appointment in skilled nursing. At Baptist Homes, visitation is occurring in personal care. Visitation at Baptist Homes skilled nursing is open for 3rd floor residents by appointment only and is temporarily suspended on the 1st and 2nd floor. Screening, masking, and social distancing guidelines have not changed.

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 and the 'Visiting our Community' link.

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.

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.