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To: Residents and Staff
From: Alvin W. Allison, Jr., President & CEO
Subject: Weekly COVID-19 Update
Date: August 6, 2021

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As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, Baptist Homes Society remains committed to fulfillment of its mission. Since our last weekly COVID-19 update on July 30, no residents or staff at Baptist Homes or Providence Point have tested positive for the virus.

Per CMS guidelines, unvaccinated staff 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.

At Baptist Homes, visitation is open in all areas. An appointment is necessary only for people visiting skilled nursing residents in the yellow zone.

At Providence Point visitation is open in all areas. An appointment is required for visits to the skilled nursing residences.

Our skilled nursing, personal care, and memory support residences continue to follow federal and state mandates. While mask wearing is optional in the outside community for fully vaccinated individuals, our communities are congregate care settings, so masks still **must be worn** in all skilled nursing, personal care and memory support areas by staff and visitors whether vaccinated or unvaccinated. All residents must wear masks while outside of their rooms. Staff and visitors continue to be screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 upon entry to our buildings.

Cases of COVID-19 and the Allegheny County positivity rate are increasing. We discourage outings of residents with their family members. If you take a loved one on an outing, please be prudent in wearing a mask at all times and avoid crowded venues where the risk of infection may be increased. In order 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:

- Wear masks in high risk areas or in locations where there may be unvaccinated individuals,
- Ensure mask fits snugly and mask covers both nose AND mouth,
- Wear masks and practice physical distancing of 6 feet or more if you are unvaccinated,
- 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.