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To: Residents and Staff  
From: Alvin W. Allison, Jr., President & CEO   
Subject: Weekly COVID-19 Update  
Date: December 17, 2021

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, Baptist Senior Family remains committed to the fulfillment of our mission. Since our last weekly COVID-19 update on December 10 no residents or staff members on the Baptist Homes campus have tested positive for COVID-19. One independent living resident on the Providence Point campus tested positive for COVID-19 due to an outside exposure. This individual is self-isolating; contacts have been tested and are negative. Visitation is open in all areas on both campuses. Visitors will be made aware when positive cases and outbreak testing occur as required.

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. The CMS staff vaccine mandate has been lifted; we are awaiting clarification on next steps and are planning for reinstatement of this mandate.

The skilled nursing, personal care, and memory support residences continue to follow federal and state mandates. While mask wearing is optional in the community for fully vaccinated individuals, because our communities are congregate care settings, 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. All staff whether vaccinated or unvaccinated must wear masks in independent living areas. Staff and visitors continue to be screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 at the time of entering our buildings.

The Allegheny County transmission level continues to be high. If you take a loved one on an outing, please ensure they wear a mask at all times and avoid crowded venues where the risk of infection may be increased. In order to help to contain the spread of COVID-19, and also 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 Senior Family, our residents, and our staff in your prayers.