



Housing and Health Care Community

November 25, 2020

Dear Resident/Family Member/BV Employee:

We know some of you may be concerned about the spread of COVID-19 and how it may impact us here at Brevillier Village. **Ensuring our employees and residents are in a safe and healthy environment is our greatest concern.**

This letter is to alert you that on November 13, 2020 we learned from the hospital that one of our Ball Pavilion residents developed COVID-19. This resident is currently being treated at the hospital. We also have 2 confirmed employee cases, one of our Ball Pavilion employees and one of our Barnabas Court employees. We are presently following our guidance for PPE and have tested all the residents. The Department of Health defines "contact" to be within six feet of someone for 10 minutes or more, without personal protective equipment. The Department of Health encourages "contact people" to self-isolate for several days while they have two consecutive negative tests, about four days apart. The CDC recently issued recommendations indicating that "contact people" can safely work with others as long as they are not symptomatic, and they wear PPE. We will follow all appropriate official health guidance. Brevillier Village will complete its own contact tracing and test those individuals that may have been exposed.

All of our staff continue to follow public health recommendations to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. Prior to each shift, staff are required to wash their hands, take their temperature, and answer a series of questions to ensure they are not exhibiting any known COVID-19 symptoms. Our guidelines also include strict handwashing procedures, and in many circumstances, wearing facemasks, gowns, and gloves when interacting with residents who are sick.

While we strive for transparency in everything we do, please know that we are bound by federal guidelines under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), which protect the privacy of our residents and staff, who may not want their condition known. Our Medical Director follows all established federal laws in notifying families of any change in the medical condition of their loved ones.

Brevillier Village appreciates your understanding as we continue to enforce visitation restrictions. This decision was made in accordance with the recommendations from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). This is certainly frustrating when wanting to see loved ones, but we want to do everything in our power to keep our residents healthy. On November 12th, we had to suspend indoor visitations. We continue to encourage families to communicate regularly though FaceTime, Skype calls or phone calls. For more information on these communication methods, please refer to our website or call 899-8600. For the most up-to-date information on this topic, please visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/covid19 We will continue to provide you with periodic updates with as much information as we can on our efforts to combat COVID-19.

On behalf of the entire Brevillier family, I want to thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

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President/CEO
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