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To: Residents and Staff  
From: Al Allison, President & CEO   
Subject: Weekly COVID-19 Update  
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Baptist Homes Society continues our battle with the COVID-19 virus. Since our last weekly update on July 17, 2020, there have been no residents at the Baptist Homes and Providence Point campuses who have tested positive for COVID-19. We had one employee who tested positive for COVID-19 subsequent to returning from a trip outside Pennsylvania. This individual was in a position where there was no resident contact and exposure to other staff members was minimal. The limited number of staff who had contact with this individual have been tested for COVID-19. There are currently no residents or staff members who are symptomatic for COVID-19 on either of our campuses.

The skilled nursing, personal care, and memory support residences continue to follow the Governor's mandates regarding visitation, communal dining, group activities, and beauty and barber services. In addition, staff and visitors continue to be screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 at the time of entering our buildings. Staff and visitors must wear a mask at all times while in our buildings. All packages for healthcare residents are to be left outside our entrances for delivery by our staff.

In accordance with the updated guidelines issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Health outlining the process to follow in an incremental lifting of the restrictions, Baptist Homes Society continues to work on plans for the re-opening of our campuses. An important part of that process is a third round of universal COVID-19 testing for healthcare residents and staff, which is currently underway. We will keep you apprised of our progress in the re-opening process.

The resurgence in the number of positive cases in Pennsylvania is continuing, prompting the Department of Health to impose new restrictions and orders for all residents of the Commonwealth. 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 while at work, ensuring mask covers **both** nose and mouth,
- Follow the mandate of the State's expanded face-covering and mask-wearing order to, essentially, wear a mask "whenever anyone leaves home,"
- Practice social distancing of 6 feet or more,
- 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.

God bless you.