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Dear Residents and Family,

The testing of the Brewster Health Center residents and staff was completed today and delivered to the state laboratory for processing. We anticipate results of the tests within the next two days. We will notify residents and family members with the results as we receive them from the state. We currently have no residents or staff members in BHC exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

Unfortunately it was reported this evening that a second staff person, working on the Independent Living portion of campus tested positive for COVID-19. Based on the timeframe between working on campus and showing symptoms, the state directed us to examine all contacts this person may have had Monday May 18. After interviewing all staff and residents, this person was wearing their mask appropriately at all times.

We completed the contact tracing here on Brewster campus and the potential contacts have been notified. Although none of the residents identified had close personal contact with the staff person, they were all tested tonight as a precaution. The staff will continue to be tested through the weekend. We do not currently have any residents in Independent Living with symptoms of COVID-19. I will update you as soon as we have additional information.

It appears that Shawnee County has had an uptick in new cases over the last few days. It is still unknown what the trajectory of the virus will be as the community reopens. At this point, due to the activity we are seeing on campus, I must ask that residents do not congregate inside, and that outdoor visitation among residents be limited to groups no larger than four. As always, all persons should maintain a 6' distance from others whenever possible, and masks must be worn when this distance is not possible to maintain. I encourage all residents who do not have respiratory concerns that keep them from wearing face coverings, to don a cover whenever in public. Finally, I have received several calls from residents and family members over the past few days inquiring about families visiting campus. At this time I would ask that you refrain from bringing visitors on campus until the results of the most recent round of testing has been received.

Thank you again for your patience. I understand these are difficult restrictions, but I believe they are in everyone's best interest. Thank you for your support.

Joe Ewert  
President and CEO