



July 4, 2020

Dear Residents and Family,

We continue to have zero residents who have tested positive for COVID-19. However, each week we send several staff presenting with any symptom of COVID-19, to be tested. We do not allow any ill staff to work. Until very recently none of these staff have tested positive for COVID-19. Unfortunately, this virus is spreading rapidly in Shawnee County. The average daily number of new cases in Shawnee County is now three times higher than it was May 22. In the past two weeks, we have conducted over 250 tests for COVID-19 among our residents and staff. I was notified last night that one of our staff tested positive. It does not appear this person was exposed at Brewster, however, we moving forward with broad based testing as a result.

We are working closely with local and state authorities and are taking action in accordance with their guidance and our existing plans. We are testing an additional 105 residents and staff Sunday, July 5. Residents and their DPOAs will be called directly by a Brewster representative if they need to be tested. **You do not need to do anything if you have not been called directly; this letter is for informational purposes only.**

Group activities have been canceled and all scheduled visits to Brewster Health Center continue to be canceled. These measures are implemented to mitigate the risk of any exposure resulting in an outbreak.

Be assured we are moving with the utmost of concern and caution to identify and mitigate risks to the extent possible. At this point, there are no symptomatic residents or staff members in the Brewster Health Center.

I will update you as soon as we have additional information. In the meantime, it is very important you continue with the safe practices of vigorous hand washing, wearing of a face covering in public, and maintaining social distance.

Joe Ewert
President and CEO