



July 2, 2020

Dear Residents and Family,

Last week I sent notice to all Brewster residents that a team member working in the Brewster Health Center tested positive for COVID-19. In response, we worked with County and State health officials to identify and test all residents and staff with a remote possibility of being exposed to the virus while here at Brewster. We tested 105 people. Those results have returned, and I am pleased to say we FOUND NO ACTIVE CASES OF COVID-19 ON CAMPUS.

Unfortunately, this victory was short lived. I was notified that two other staff were tested separately and were found to be positive for COVID-19. In response, we tested 142 staff and residents on July 1. We are awaiting results now.

The staff who contracted the virus to date have either recovered or are recovering well, and I am thrilled that no Brewster resident has caught COVID-19 to date. However, we send roughly four team members home each week to be tested due to having any one of the symptoms of this virus. The vast majority of the people we have screened out at the doors have tested negative. However, I am confident that we will continue to identify individuals -- staff, residents, and visitors, who come down with the virus and pose some risk to others on campus. This risk will increase moving forward, it will not subside in the near future. I will let you know when these risks are identified and what we are doing in response. It is fair to expect these notices with some frequency. This will be our new normal.

We have learned valuable lessons with every round of mass testing and are fully making use of the information we are gathering. Our interventions will continue to be refined as we move forward, always with the aim of keeping you safe, and providing a path to return to a lifestyle we all wish for ourselves and our loved ones.

We are re-opening the dining venues on campus. Please find important information about the structured re-opening in the attached letter.

We are also planning the re-opening of the Salon in Redwood Monday, July 8. We have contracted this service to a new operator who will be providing more information in the coming week. If you are interested in using the Salon on campus, please contact Maxine Thuston at 274-3374. She will need your name and the type of salon service you are interested in. Someone from the Salon will contact you to schedule your time.

Thank you.

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President and CEO