



August 19, 2020

Dear Residents and Family,

Last week 3 staff members tested positive for COVID-19. Residents with potential exposure, and Brewster Health Center (BHC) staff were tested between Sunday and Tuesday. We conducted roughly 170 tests during this time. From this testing, 3 additional staff and 3 residents tested positive for COVID-19. We continue to receive results. We are expanding our testing based on contact tracing of the positive individuals. We have identified potential contacts within the independent living portion of campus. These individuals have been notified and are currently in isolation pending testing. We will perform follow up testing while positive cases exist in accordance with best practice.

All positive residents were located in the rehab neighborhood of BHC. These residents have been moved to our COVID isolation neighborhood which provides physical and functional separation from the remainder of BHC. These residents are being cared for by dedicated caregivers who work only on this neighborhood to avoid potential spread of the virus. None of the residents are symptomatic at this time.

We are working diligently to combat the transmission of the virus. Brewster Health Center and Assisted Living are currently in Phase Red. Please find details on these phases on our website. Identification of any positive cases in independent living will require we temporarily implement restrictions across campus to include closing campus to visitors, restricting building to building travel among residents, and closure of the dining venues. I will announce changes to our campus protocols via letter to residents, and our Facebook page and our website. Please inform your family members and friends to watch our Facebook page to stay up to date on our campus protocols.

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. This virus is spreading within the broader community. It is prudent to refrain from unnecessary social visits, shopping trips, and other appointments at this time. Please be safe. I will update you as soon as we have additional information.

Joe Ewert
President and CEO