



October 30, 2020

We have been conducting broad based testing in the Brewster Health Center (BHC) continuously since October 7. This week marks our fifth round of testing. This round of testing identified one resident positive for COVID-19.

Four residents are currently receiving care in the COVID neighborhood. Six residents have been cleared and have returned to their homes. Three residents have passed during this time. Please visit the Brewster website to view further detail regarding current and total incidence of COVID-19 on Brewster campus.

Due to intense national focus on nursing home response to the pandemic, state and federal agencies are inspecting nursing homes at a heightened level. BHC was inspected by the federal authorities this week. No deficiencies were noted. This is the third such inspection BHC has undergone since the beginning of the pandemic. The inspectors conduct thorough investigations of all our infection control practices and our response to the pandemic. There have been no concerns identified by any of the inspecting parties.

October has been the most significant month we have experienced for identifying positive cases in BHC for both staff and residents. The Shawnee County incidence rate has moved from the HIGH category to the UNCONTROLLED category. We have witnessed several cases among staff within the BHC testing system which do not appear to have originated here. Please be exceptionally careful at this time. Limit your exposure and be very mindful of gathering in groups. The KN95 masks available at the information desks of The Evergreens and Redwood are highly recommended anytime you are in close contact with others. Face coverings remain mandatory for traveling indoors of any Brewster building. Most importantly, wash your hands frequently, use hand sanitizer liberally when soap and water are not immediately available, and avoid touching your face without first assuring your hands are free of germs.

Brewster operations are in the following categories:

- **Brewster Health Center** operations will continue in the Red Phase.
- **Assisted Living** will remain in the Yellow Phase.
- **Independent Living** continues with current operations.

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