



November 17, 2020

We have one active case of COVID-19 among residents in Brewster Health Center (BHC).

In the last week, two Independent Living residents and five staff have been identified with COVID-19. We have completed the contact tracing and cannot connect the two new Independent Living residents to each other through any contacts. Additionally, we can affirm with relative confidence that four of the staff cases were acquired in the broader community, not at Brewster.

Shawnee County's average number of new cases has nearly doubled in the last week to 155 new cases per day.

Now is the time to shelter in place.

The next 2-4 weeks will be critical to holding down the transmissions here at Brewster Place.

To help in that effort, I ask that you please:

- **Restrict your movements and activity** as much as possible through the end of November.
- **Avoid gathering or socializing** in public areas.
- **Remain in your homes** and only venture out for the absolute necessities.

Meals and Shopping

- **You may order meals** from the **Greenleaf in Redwood** by calling **274-3340** or from **The Evergreens Grill** by calling **274-3359**.
- **Brewster Place is providing personal shopping services at no charge.** Please call 274-3320 for details.

Guests

- Guests may visit your home, however, all parties must wear masks continuously while in at Brewster.
- Once screened, guests must travel directly to your home and out.
- If you do host guests in your home or attend gatherings outside of Brewster Place between now and the end of November, **I ask that you self-quarantine for 14 days** following hosting the guest or attending the gathering to protect others in our community.

Group Activities

- **All other group activities are canceled until November 30.** This includes exercise classes, group arts and crafts sessions, Vespers, and all other activities that cause residents to congregate.
- The public spaces such as the wellness centers, arts and craft studios, woodshop, swimming pool, chapel, will remain open for individual use. **All such areas are limited to two people at a time. To use the swimming pool, please contact Debbie Holroyd at 274-3348.**
- Resident and non-resident groups **may not** meet on campus during this time. This includes game nights and other gatherings in public spaces.
- Public spaces are not available for resident or family groups at this time.

Now is the time to practice exceptional care and discipline to avoid contracting and transmitting COVID-19. I strongly encourage everyone to limit their exposure and avoid gathering in groups. Face coverings remain mandatory for traveling indoors at any Brewster building. Please be aware Brewster staff has been instructed to enforce the wearing of face coverings. **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.

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