



December 1, 2020

We have now had two consecutive cycles of testing in Brewster Health Center with no new positive cases of COVID-19. We have had no new Independent Living or Assisted Living residents with COVID-19 since November 20.

I want to thank all of you for your attention to the campus restrictions in place over the last few weeks. I understand the restrictions present hardships for many, and I am as anxious as everyone else to move past this pandemic and return to normal living. Unfortunately, the new cases in Shawnee County continue at a very high level. The current 7-day average of new cases per day is 166. Prior to October the high water mark for this measure was 26. I anticipate another jump in transmission over the next two weeks as we identify cases that were transmitted over the holidays. **For this reason I am extending the current campus restrictions and will reevaluate them December 14.**

Please continue to **restrict your movement and activity** as much as you possibly can. **Group activities and gatherings should not occur at this time.** Brewster is providing **personal shopping services** at no charge. You may **order meals delivered** from the Greenleaf at Redwood or The Evergreens Grill. I urge you to remain in your homes and venture out only for the absolute necessities.

Everyone should monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID-19. Common symptoms may appear as minor allergies -- scratchy throat, congestion. Other symptoms may include body aches, fever, fatigue, and upset stomach. If you have any of these symptoms, **PLEASE STAY IN!** Do not have visitors. Please contact the community health nurse at 274-3342.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 274-3392 if you have any questions regarding the restrictions in place.

Brewster operations are in the following categories:

- **Brewster Health Center** operations will continue in the Red Phase.
- **Assisted Living** will move to the Red Phase.

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