



July 29, 2021

Dear Residents and Family,

As of the afternoon of July 28, we have two residents in independent living who have tested positive for COVID-19. Both residents are fully vaccinated and presenting with cold and allergy like symptoms. Contact tracing is being completed and those individuals believed to have had contact with the resident within the CDC timeframe will be notified directly. Additional testing for individuals is being completed and they will quarantine until the test results are returned.

The CDC states the vaccines are highly effective at preventing serious illness and death related to COVID-19 and the Delta variant. Nearly all virus related hospitalizations and deaths are currently among unvaccinated individuals. That being said, fully vaccinated individuals may contract the virus and even display cold or allergy like symptoms. Currently 75% of the Brewster campus is fully vaccinated when counting both residents and staff. Resident vaccination is roughly 99%. We are hopeful the vaccines work as advertised, however our population at Brewster is the highest risk group. For this reason we are increasing our interventions. **Effective July 29, Brewster is requiring all individuals regardless of vaccination status to wear a mask in common areas indoors. This includes residents, staff, and all guests and visitors.**

The activities schedule will be modified to reduce medium and large group activities. Small resident directed activities such as card games and other socializing may continue with masks. These group activities should not exceed 10 people unless social distancing can be achieved.

The dining rooms will continue to operate for sit down and to go orders. We ask residents sanitize hands and wear a mask until seated at the table. Please do not congregate in the Main Street Pavilion or the Brewster Bean to eat. You may visit in these areas with masks on.

The wellness rooms and swimming pool remain open but social distancing must be maintained at all times. The swimming pool capacity will be reduced to three at any given time.

PLEASE STAY HOME if you feel any signs or symptoms of illness and call our community health nurse at 785-274-3342 so we can assure the proper care and organizational response. Thank you.

Joe Ewert
President and CEO