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Dear Residents and Family,

We have been without any new cases of COVID on campus for about a month now. Cases in Shawnee County appear to have peaked. Hopefully a decline will persist and we will experience another period of low transmission as we did last spring.

Beginning Monday September 20, we are opening our dining program once again to guests and visitors. We will not require diners to seat in socially distanced formation. Community rooms will become available for reservation once again for resident, family, or staff gatherings.

We ask all individuals continue to wear masks indoors except while eating, or participating in an exercise whether individually or in a class.

As many of you have heard, President Biden instructed the Federal Department of Health and Human Services and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue rules mandating vaccination of staff at organizations including Brewster. We are unsure when these rules will take effect; we have yet to see them in anything beyond news reporting. At this time more than 70% of our staff is vaccinated. We do anticipate we will lose some number of valuable staff to this mandate. We are working on contingency staffing plans now. Please bear with us as we work through increased service challenges over the next several months.

We continue to engage pharmacy providers on the topic of COVID-19 boosters. Unfortunately there continues to be disagreement amongst the various federal health agencies regarding the need for and the distribution of booster shots. These disagreements reduce the probability of broad scale booster clinics occurring at communities such as Brewster. I suggest that any resident who wishes to get the booster continue try to receive it by working through their physician. Please do not wait for a community vaccine clinic to occur if you are in need of a booster shot.

As always, please be very mindful of your symptoms. Many cases are spread because the symptoms of COVID-19 resemble every day ailments such as muscle fatigue, or cold or allergy like symptoms. Please do your best to help us keep the virus at bay. Thank you.

Joe Ewert
President and CEO