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Dear Residents and Family,

We recently announced we had identified three residents in the Brewster Health Center (BHC) who had tested positive for COVID-19. As of today, we have one resident and one staff member positive at BHC. One resident passed away with the virus. The remaining residents have recovered well.

In the last two weeks, we completed multiple rounds of testing and identified a total of 11 residents and four staff positives since the initial case. All of these cases were isolated to one neighborhood at BHC. We separately identified one staff person in Assisted Living who tested positive. This case is unrelated to the activity in BHC. No additional positive residents or staff have been identified in Assisted Living.

During the height of the pandemic, I attempted to distribute updates on all COVID-19 activity around campus as soon as I received any information. I cannot count the times the information in my letters was outdated before we were finished posting them on everyone's door. **Moving forward I will distribute letters when we identify a new cluster of positives, if that cluster grows beyond an isolated area, if new interventions are required on campus, and when we return to zero resident cases again.** Please rest assured that an absence of COVID-19 letters on your door is a good sign!

As always, I encourage you to reach out to me if you have any questions about COVID-19 activity on campus that has not been addressed through our normal communications.

Finally, cases in Shawnee County are climbing again after experiencing an overall decline since August. It is highly recommended you receive a booster to assure you have the greatest protection against the virus possible. Many residents have reported accessing the booster easily through Dillons, Walgreens, CVS and other pharmacies in town. Additionally, good handwashing, monitoring your exposure to densely packed group settings, and a good fitting N95 mask when in large group settings can all be helpful and important measures to reduce your risks of contracting the virus.

I look forward to reporting our return to zero positive resident cases very soon!

Joe Ewert  
President and CEO