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Dear Residents and Family,

We currently have two Independent Living residents, two Brewster Health Center residents, and 17 staff testing positive for COVID-19. We continue to test residents and staff daily based on exposure and various symptoms. Family household contact remains the primary driver of new cases among both residents and staff. We continue to do our best to provide a high level of service and supports, but we ask for your patience as we get creative to serve you with fewer staff available.

We will contact you if you have had close contact with a known positive case to provide you with information on testing and quarantine standards. Close contact is defined by the CDC as being within six feet for a period of 10 minutes or more without a proper mask. Please contact our Community Health Nurse at 274-3342 if you have been in close contact with someone positive for COVID-19 and you develop symptoms.

Our dining and activity programs will continue as normal. We are offering free meal delivery on campus while we experience elevated levels of cases in the community. I continue to suggest you wear a proper N95 or KN95 mask during this time and avoid large crowds.

Overall case numbers in Shawnee County are at an all-time high, however the incidence of death from the virus appears to be roughly half the level we witnessed during the prior period of high transmission. It is still important to minimize the spread of the virus here on campus.

COVID-19 is easily mistaken for general muscle soreness, fatigue or other cold and allergy symptoms and spreads easily and quickly once a person is symptomatic. **PLEASE STAY HOME if you feel any signs or symptoms of illness, even if small!** It is far better to stay home one day, and learn it's allergies than to spread the virus to several others. Give our Community Nursing team a call at 274-3342 if you have symptoms and wish to speak with a nurse.

We continue to ask everyone to wear a mask when in common spaces, and to practice social distancing when practical. I will provide updates on significant changes as they occur. As always, please do not hesitate to call me at 274-3392 if you have any questions or concerns.

Joe Ewert
President and CEO