



# *Peter Becker Community*

Embracing life's treasured moments.

November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Residents,

Based on the very high COVID-19 positivity rate in the county, we believe that it is critically important to make a number of changes in operations in order to protect all of our residents and employees. I was made aware yesterday of a retirement community similar to ours in central Pennsylvania that now has over 80 residents testing positive for COVID-19 in all areas of the campus. It spread quickly based on the close contact of residents.

On Friday November 13<sup>th</sup>, we completed COVID-19 testing for approximately 200 employees at PBC. As of the printing of this memo, we have received more than half of the test results back. Of that group, we had one test come back with a positive result. The staff person who tested positive had no symptoms and was unaware of any exposure to someone with the illness. That person worked primarily in our Personal Care areas and is now self-isolating at home. We also have employees with family members that have tested positive that are also quarantined. Our direct exposure to positive cases appears to be much more significant than what we faced in the spring.

We continue to take a proactive approach in identifying positive cases of COVID-19 among residents and team members at Peter Becker Community. Had we not done mass testing, we would have never known of this positive case. We believe that mass testing will continue to help us manage our way through the recent Montgomery County surge which is at a much higher level than it was in the spring.

We are now asking all Residential Living residents to be tested for COVID-19 so that we are able to identify any potential cases before they spread on campus. The ability to test will be a tremendous help to us as we work through this second wave of COVID-19.

**We have made arrangements for RL residents to have access to testing beginning this week.** Please bring your insurance cards with you.

**RVE residents:**

**Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am-5pm in the Orchid Terrace**

**MWE & cottage residents:**

**Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, time & location TBA**

We will continue to monitor test results and make decisions regarding services we offer based on the number and location of positive cases on campus. The most important thing that you can do to help your community is to stay distant from fellow residents. Please wear a mask at all times and limit those with whom you have close contact.

The following changes will be put in place today (Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>):

- **All areas of campus will now be closed to outside visitors.**
- **Residential Living residents are asked to remain on campus with the exception of travel related to necessary medical appointments. Any off-campus trips will be canceled.**
- **Please limit all close contact to clusters with no more than 6 individuals.**
- **Individuals planning to visit others off-campus for Thanksgiving must quarantine for 14 days upon return.**
- **Dining restrictions will begin to be implemented as needed. Courtyard at the Ridge will remain closed. RL residents will still be able to call for meal pick-up or delivery. Seasons Café and the Garden View Dining Room will remain open to residents and staff only.**
- **Please limit those you dine with to cluster members only.**
- **All Life Enrichment in-person activities will be suspended until further notice. We will provide additional programming via the PBC TV channel and Zoom events.**
- **All housekeeping services for RL residents and annual sanitation & safety inspections will be postponed.**
- **The Beauty Shop will remain open to RL residents only.**

We know these restrictions are difficult, especially with Thanksgiving upon us. The sacrifices you have been asked to make this year have not been taken for granted. Thank you again for working with us to keep our PBC family safe.

Thank you,

Suzanne M. Owens  
President/CEO