

Buckner Retirement Services Weekly Update August 18, 2020

Dear Buckner Residents and Families,

We need your help.

Our knowledge and understanding of COVID-19 have greatly increased since the pandemic began back in February. While closing our communities in March was the correct response at the time, we believe that with the right restrictions in place, we can safely allow visits from family members to residents while properly mitigating risk.

The recent Texas Health and Human Services (HHSC) order providing for limited visits to nursing homes, assisted living, and memory care communities is a step in the right direction for senior adults, but its restrictions and the cost to implement means it will effectively keep most senior communities closed to visitors. Senior living providers must be part of the conversations with state officials to achieve realistic restrictions.

Please watch the following video we made explaining what we believe are the proper measures needed to combat the coronavirus pandemic, as well as a second pandemic consisting of loneliness and depression: [Tinyurl.com/CharlieWilsonAug18](https://tinyurl.com/CharlieWilsonAug18).

If you feel compelled to join our grassroots campaign after watching the video, you may email me at Charlie.Wilson@Buckner.org to receive a customizable letter you can send to Governor Abbott and other state officials – or click [here](#).

Summer Travel: We are happy many of our Independent Living residents were able to travel outside the community to see family and friends this summer, but we ask everyone take great caution when returning. Please social distance from your neighbors for 14 days upon return and wear masks if leaving your apartment. If you want to catch up, use the phone. It's how we protect each other.

For a detailed timeline regarding COVID-19 cases specific to your community, visit [Tinyurl.com/BucknerPandemic](https://tinyurl.com/BucknerPandemic). The following is a summary for quick reference:

Community COVID-19 Active Case Summary

	Active PUIs	Active Positive Cases
Baptist Retirement Community	0	2
Buckner Villas	0	0
Calder Woods	0	1
Parkway Place	0	2
Ventana	2	0
Westminster Place	0	1

Please continue to visit the BRS website (www.BucknerRetirement.org) for our community case tracker and timelines, as well as our lists of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) –you may also call 855-754-3338 with questions at any time.

Throughout all this, we remain committed to *Inspiring Happiness*. This week's comfort food cooking demonstration from Chef Stephan Pyles shows you how to make an heirloom tomato salad: <https://youtu.be/5pKvNTS9e0M>.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you, and God bless.

Sincerely,
Charlie Wilson
Senior Vice President
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