

Buckner Retirement Services Weekly Update August 25, 2020

Dear Buckner Residents and Families,

First, I want to ask you to keep our Calder Woods residents and associates in your prayers as the storm situation in the Gulf unfolds. We have activated the BRS Emergency Preparedness and Operations team and will act accordingly.

Thank you to everyone who reached out last week regarding our grassroots campaign to safely and effectively welcome guests back to our nursing and assisted living care areas. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Re-opening senior living communities is a complicated issue, as highlighted by Texas' leading newspapers. Last week, the Houston Chronicle editorial board wrote, "As we've learned more about the virus and how to limit its spread, Texas can now protect its most vulnerable population from the pandemic while minimizing the damaging effects of isolation — which can prove deadly as well. For Texas to be able to do both, though, more resources are needed."

Over the weekend, the Dallas Morning News reported only 12 nursing facilities in Texas can resume visits based on the state's current criteria. That's less than 1% of the more than 1,200 nursing homes and facilities in Texas.

To safely welcome back guests, we need strategic collaboration between the state and senior living providers. In case you missed our video outlining our plan, here it is: [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](#).

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 (Residents & Associates)

	Active PUIs	Active Positive Cases
Baptist Retirement Community	0	3
Buckner Villas	0	1
Calder Woods	0	1
Parkway Place	0	2
Ventana	0	0
Westminster Place	0	0

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.

Our final comfort food cooking demonstration from Chef Stephan Pyles shows you how to make quesadillas: <https://youtu.be/otJxQSe7Xwc>. I hope Chef Pyles' videos have brought you some joy, as we remain committed to *Inspiring Happiness*.

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

Sincerely,
Charlie Wilson
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Buckner Retirement Services