

Buckner Retirement Services Weekly Update September 8, 2020

Dear Buckner Residents and Families,

We have spent so much time discussing the restrictions and policies related to healthcare, that I decided to use this week's letter to focus on independent living.

As of now, all six of our senior living communities have opened up independent living (IL) to allow for limited visits from guests within the residents' private homes, since the state views IL in the same way it does any private residence – independent.

I believe our IL residents could teach us all a lesson about how to live in this pandemic world. I am impressed by the diligence they show every day in balancing the desire to protect themselves and others with the human need for companionship and experiences.

While the occasional mask may slip below the nose or is accidentally left in their room, our associates tell me that most IL residents are going out of their way to embrace the use of PPE and the necessity for social distancing. Many of our residents are even beginning to enjoy social activities in well-spaced areas. And those who leave the community for any reason are taking the practice of quarantining very seriously upon return.

IL residents are showing us all how to live with caution but not in fear. That is what we so deeply want for our healthcare residents and families as well.

Remember, you may email me at Charlie.Wilson@Buckner.org for a customizable letter to send Governor Abbott and other state officials regarding safe, comprehensive strategies to reopen nursing and assisted living care levels – 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	0
Buckner Villas	0	0
Calder Woods	0	0
Parkway Place	0	12
Ventana	0	1
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.

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

Sincerely,
Charlie Wilson
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