

Buckner Retirement Services Weekly Update November 3, 2020

Dear Buckner Residents and Families,

On a day when many of us exercise our civic responsibility to vote, I want to continue our discussion regarding the responsibility to also exercise safety during this pandemic, especially ahead of the holidays.

We are only a few weeks away from Thanksgiving, and Christmas will then be upon us before we know it. I love this time of year, but I must admit I'm concerned that the magic of the holidays will cause us to lose sight of the need to make our health and the health of those around us a priority.

I urge everyone to try and find a balance between enjoying the holiday spirit and remembering the seriousness of COVID-19. More than 230,000 Americans have died as a result of this virus, including Buckner residents. As part of our commitment to transparency, we announce COVID-related deaths within the specific community, but I want to emphasize this reality now to all Buckner residents.

There is something you can do to help protect yourself and the other senior adults living in our Buckner communities. As you begin to make plans for the holidays, please consider the many virtual options available to see your loved ones, and remember, our communities will have delicious holiday feasts for those who choose to remain with us.

If you do have in-person get-togethers with family, social distance as much as possible and keep the gathering size small. With cases of COVID-19 on the rise again, this may not be the year for big family dinners.

Consider asking any family members to isolate for at least a week prior to seeing you and to take advantage of drive-thru testing facilities like CVS to ensure they are not positive for the virus.

Likewise, we are asking our associates to forgo big holiday gatherings and festivities this year, and our communities will conduct daily rapid testing of all associates the week after Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Throughout the pandemic, Buckner has fought for our right to reunite families and loved ones, but we were always adamant that reopening our communities had to be done in a way that mitigated risks for all. Be cautious and courteous because none of us want to be responsible for passing the virus on to someone else, especially during the holidays.

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	16
Buckner Villas	0	2
Calder Woods	1	1
Parkway Place	1	1
Ventana	1	0
Westminster Place	0	4

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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