Buckner Retirement Services Monthly Update June 1, 2021

Dear Buckner Residents and Families,

Our state regulations are changing as vaccination numbers increase, and our Buckner communities are changing as well. The following policy updates are effective June 1 in direct response to recent orders from Governor Abbott.

Updates to independent living areas:

- Visitors will no longer be required to complete a declaration form.
- Visitors will no longer be required to wear masks.
- Associates in independent living will no longer be required to wear masks if they are vaccinated.

Please note those changes are for independent living only. Our health care area policies are largely the same as we wait on new rules and guidance from Texas Health and Human Services in response to the governor's executive order GA-36.

Declaration forms and masks will still be required for visitors to health care areas, and all associates entering or working in health care will still be required to wear masks.

We will continue to closely monitor the situation and update policies accordingly.

You may have noticed me reference LeadingAge Texas from time to time in these updates. LeadingAge Texas is a trade association representing the full continuum of mission-driven, not-for-profit aging services providers in our state. Our own Brian Robbins is on the board of LeadingAge Texas.

Throughout the pandemic, LeadingAge Texas has advocated for senior living communities and residents. Their work has been invaluable, which is why I take even greater pleasure in the four awards Buckner received recently, including the Public Trust award.

To learn more about why Buckner teams were honored by LeadingAge, please watch my June video update: <u>Youtu.be/aU-A4m3U34U</u>.

To access detailed timelines regarding COVID-19 cases specific to your community, visit **Tinyurl.com/BucknerPandemic**. The following is a summary for quick reference:

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	Active PUIs	Active Positive Cases
Baptist Retirement Community	0	0
Buckner Villas	0	0
Calder Woods	0	0
Parkway Place	0	0

Community COVID-19 Active Case Summary (Residents & Associates)

Ventana	0	0
Westminster Place	0	0

Please continue to visit the BRS website (<u>www.BucknerRetirement.org</u>) for our community case tracker and timelines, as well as our lists of <u>Frequently Asked</u> <u>Questions</u> (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 President Buckner Retirement Services