Buckner Retirement Services Monthly Update
October 14, 2021

Dear Buckner Residents and Families,

The summer spike of COVID-19 caused by the delta variant appears to be mostly behind us. Across the state, the number of patients hospitalized for COVID-19 has fallen by roughly 50% since cases peaked six weeks ago.

We have experienced a similar decrease in positive cases across each Buckner community and I am thankful to God for watching over us during this time.

And while it's okay to feel a sense of relief, now is not the time to feel complacency. Throughout this pandemic, we have seen surges come and go because our society relaxes too much and is then forced to go to extremes to combat the spread of COVID-19. That doesn't have to be the case.

The holidays are coming fast, and if we are going to avoid a repeat of the surge last December and January, there are little things we can do now. If we exercise personal responsibility and continue to wear masks in public areas, social distance as much as possible, and limit our gatherings, I believe we can greatly reduce the odds of transmission. I also believe if we set an example, others will follow suit.

Of course, vaccines are key. I am proud that the vaccination rate for Buckner associates continues to rise, surpassing 70% even as our state and federal government debate over a vaccine mandate. Meanwhile, only 62% of Texans aged 12 and older are vaccinated. Having more guests vaccinated will greatly help reduce transmission rates inside the communities.

If you have not yet watched my video from last month about personal responsibility and the greater good, I hope you will visit https://youtu.be/R06LGBNE528.

Please continue to visit BucknerRetirement.org/COVID19 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
President
Buckner Retirement Services