



## CAMPUS UPDATE – 9/7/2021

I am pleased to report that Drinkard Healthcare Center and the 6<sup>th</sup> floor Hearthside/Rehab Center have been re-opened to visitors. This decision was made in consultation with the Lynchburg Health Department in accordance with our infection control procedures.

**REMINDER:** *All visitors to care supported areas, including Drinkard, Hearthside/Rehab, Assisted Living and Memory Care neighborhoods, **must wear masks at all times**, including when in a resident room with both parties vaccinated. Public spaces indoors are not open to visitation. Masks are not required when visiting outdoors.*

Please remember to stop in our Main Lobby for temperature screening and sign-in. Visitor passes are required.

We must also report a positive test result for an employee who last worked on August 30. Following our contact tracing for this case, we do not believe that there was any exposure to other team members or to residents.

**Caution:** The COVID-19 positivity rate within Lynchburg is rising, with a current reported rate of 18.5 percent. The 14-day average in our Health District has climbed to 168 new cases per day, up from 110 a week ago and 75 two weeks ago. This means that in our district nearly one in five people who are tested are showing positive for Covid. We haven't been this high in since last January.

Finally, the vaccination rate is still very low, with only 42% of eligible people within our Health District being fully vaccinated. We continue to caution residents to avoid crowds, wear masks and practice social distancing when off campus.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sean Huyett'.

Sean Huyett, President and CEO