



# BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES

OF NORTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED

PROUDLY SERVING OLDER ADULTS SINCE 1951

Reed VanderSlik  
President and CEO

June 26, 2020

Dear Residents and Families:

This letter is to update you on face masks. The value of masks has grown during this pandemic, from both a health standpoint and a way for us to have a more normal economy.

Our position on masks has evolved as the value of masks has grown. We originally recommended them for all, then required them for team members and strongly recommended them for residents. As the community at large began to “open up” we required residents who left the campus to wear them in public on the campus. I have seen the resident use of masks increase dramatically and I thank you for that. You are protecting yourself as well as other residents and our team members.

In compliance with the Governor’s requirement, effective this Friday at 5:00 pm we will require face masks for all residents whenever you are in any common space in the building. When you are in your own home or apartment, masks are only required if our team members or outside organizations enter to provide services. The exceptions on the face mask requirement are people with medical conditions, people who are walking or otherwise exercising outside when not within six feet of others and also when seated at your table in the dining area. If you don’t have access to masks we will provide them to you...just check with the receptionist or administrator of your community.

Thank you again for all you have done to keep your community safe. Our success of being virus free so far has been a result of everyone doing their part and adjusting our approach based on new information and guidance. Our residents and team members are extremely important to us and you have been great and I expect you will continue to do your part!

Sincerely,

Reed VanderSlik