



From the CEO

Atherton COVID Update Fall, 2021

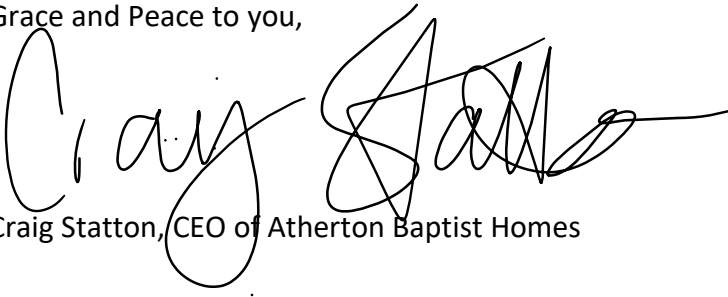
Recently I was talking to a friend about COVID, and he reminded me that in March of 2020 when the United States limited activities throughout the country to stop the spread of the Sars-COV2 virus, we thought the country would reopen in 6 weeks and resume all the previous activities. But that did not happen, and we have been dealing with COVID ever since. Having said this, it is much better around the United States and around Atherton than it was a year ago. This year we are attending football games and going to Dodger stadium, restaurants are open, and people are gathering for family birthdays and celebrations. Dr Fauci even said it was OK to “Trick or Treat” this year. We are still wearing masks and taking precautions, but our lives are less restricted this year than last, and our anxiety about the virus is much lower.

This is especially true at Atherton. For the most part, the campus is open, and we have resumed most activities. We are still encouraging people to wear masks at indoor gatherings, but we are having weekly chapels, visitors are regularly coming in and out of Skilled Nursing, residents are enjoying coffee with one another every morning, and our venues are open to our Atherton residents. We are asking our visitors about their vaccination status, and we are asking for all visitors to check their temperature and answer a series of health questions, but these check-in procedures are a minor inconvenience compared to the lockdown of a year ago. The only restriction Atherton still has in place is that we are not allowing visitors to dine with Atherton residents indoors. We are sure this policy will also change soon, but for now it is in place.

We at Atherton attribute this restoration of our activities to the vaccines. They have been remarkably safe and effective. As I write this note 98% of our residents are fully vaccinated and 99% of our staff is also fully vaccinated. We have not had a positive case of COVID on our campus since February 2, 2021. We are also planning to offer booster shots to our residents in the next several weeks which will add to our protection.

The COVID 19 virus has certainly upended our world in the past 18 months. It has touched us in a very personal way with the death and illness of loved ones, but it has also taught us to treasure our community and give thanks for each day we are able to live on earth. We continue to thank God for the blessing of our staff, our residents and friends, and the miraculous wisdom that has helped us to overcome this virus.

Grace and Peace to you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Statton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right from the end of the name.

Craig Statton, CEO of Atherton Baptist Homes