

# Trew Home at Buckner Retirement Village scheduled to close

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DALLAS—The Mary E. Trew Home at Buckner Retirement Village in East Dallas will close effective Dec. 1 due to regulatory requirements for campus improvements that cannot be met, Buckner Retirement Services officials announced Oct. 12.

The closure will affect 51 residents living in the assisted living, memory care and congregate living apartments, as well as 48 employees. Independent living will remain open and available for occupancy.

“We care very deeply about our residents and employees,” said Charlie Wilson, senior vice president for Buckner Retirement Services. “This was a very hard decision to make but one that was unavoidable. We will do everything we can to provide assistance for our families to find a new home in the coming weeks.”

The closure initially was announced to residents as Nov. 9, but it has been extended until Dec. 1. The move needed to happen quickly because of state requirements for the memory-care building, which would require costly measures and rapid implementation to continue operations fully through the end of the year, Wilson said.

Buckner also is working with employees to find new employment opportunities, including reassignment to other positions within Buckner and outside employment. Buckner will host a job fair for employees in the coming days.

The closure serves as a first step toward transitioning the campus into a community that will provide high-quality, affordable senior-living options to better meet the needs of seniors in East Dallas, agency officials insisted.

“The community spirit that has surrounded Buckner Retirement Village for 57 years is unmatched,” Wilson said. “We are known for our incredible employees who provide exceptional care and service to our residents each and every day. We will continue to provide that same level of service in the coming weeks.”

Buckner is scheduling individual family appointments to assist those who need help finding new housing. To schedule an appointment, call (214) 381-2171.

Buckner Retirement Services serves more than 2,800 senior adults each year in Texas through seven retirement communities.