

Facebook Covid-19 Update #14

August 14, 2020

BallouLife Communities continues to remain Covid-19 free. All the test results from the swabs done on August 6, 2020 are negative. The staff remain hale and hearty as do all of the residents. We continue to maintain the utmost vigilance to keep everyone safe. Routine weekly swabbing of staff continues at this time per Rhode Island Department of Health. We asked for every other week testing, but as there has been a consistent community outbreak and sporadic cases in other congregate care facilities, the state remains adamant in the weekly swabbing schedule. Our poor noses will never be the same.

As we continue to wash our hands, wear our masks at work and in the community, and socially distance, we ask you to continue doing the same as well. The health and well-being of everyone is our highest priority. Keep us in your prayers, as we navigate these tumultuous times.

Visitation continues to go well. Last week, I mentioned that as many as two visits a week may take place with the added timeslots. This is not a guarantee, but based on the added capacity, there is a possibility that a second visit could take place. The opening up of evening visits created this opportunity, but again, it has not taken hold with families scooping up these slots.

Jen and Kyla are doing a great job juggling all of the availability, and trust me, if they can schedule you for more than one visit, they will. Please be patient with us; we are doing our best to ensure as much family time as we can during these trying times.

Tina continues to amaze me, the staff, and the residents with her innovative activity ideas and energy. Just this week, Heatwave Hallway Bingo, Pretty with Pearls, and Beach Ball Bash took place along with her daily riddles and prayers. She makes the residents smile and they look forward to her daily visits and creative ventures. She also continues with the FaceTime calls, as it provides another outlet to keep families in touch. Tiffany frequently assists Tina in her endeavors by providing scrumptious treats and her upbeat personality. FaceBook photos and masks can't hide the smiling eyes.

Respectfully submitted,

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