

## Facebook Covid-19 Update #25

October 30, 2020

Happy day before Halloween. We had quite a bit of fun dressing up for the residents. The staff really got into it this year. Tina has posted all the pictures. Yours truly couldn't resist being the Plague Doctor/Covid Swabber; it just seems so apropos this year.

The residents voted on best costume with "Grandma with ..." and "Tiffany the Witch" as the winners, with Cindy Lou Who getting honorable mention.

Once again, the Covid-19 swabs from last week were all negative. Despite the growing concern in the community, we have held strong, and let us continue to hold strong.

Swabbing has been completed for this week and the swabs were picked up by the lab. We again have a couple of staff with cold signs and symptoms; fortunately we do have the Point of Care testing and all tests were negative. These were followed up by the surveillance swabs as well.

The positivity rate continues to climb; this is not good for all involved. Governor Raimondo held a conference today and is tightening up on the standards in the community. This will also mean visitation rules for the nursing homes will change. They are going to work on this over the weekend and hopefully we will have information to impart to all of our families on Monday. Please bear with us as we adjust to any changes that we will be required to make, especially those who have visits scheduled next week. We will be calling families to let you know of any changes.

The facility continues to engage in on-going training. We participated in an Emergency Preparedness Tabletop and another related to the Covid-19 Pandemic. This provides us with real life scenarios and enables us to handle emergencies as they arise. It was virtual this year, which also allowed us feedback from other facilities and how they would handle the same crisis. This allows us to benchmark and improve our processes. Our goal is to keep ourselves prepared for any eventuality and for you to know, we will keep your loved ones safe.

As always, wash your hands, wear a mask, and socially distance. Respectfully submitted,

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