

## Facebook Covid-19 Update #28

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BallouLife Communities has come through another week with no positive Covid-19 test results. We are truly blessed. The staff here is the best. We are continuing with our weekly swabbing, twenty five weeks in a row now. It's hard to fathom that this is a constant in our lives.

We had staff this week with cold signs and symptoms; rapid test done and negative, additionally the PCR swab was done and the results will be received next week with all of our other swabs.

We had a couple of close contacts of staff through community but once again the tests were negative. The staff remained out until these results were received as we do our best to protect your loved ones and ourselves so that we can provide the best care possible.

We received news from the Rhode Island Department of Health that visitation restrictions will be extended for an additional two weeks. I don't think this came as a surprise to anyone as the Covid-19 numbers are not looking good.

Halloween caused a bump in the numbers and Thanksgiving has the same potential. The governor's news conference today has her requesting everyone to remain at home and not to travel. Stay within your home circle for the next few weeks and we could break this downward spiral.

Covid beds in the hospitals are at 97% capacity, and opening a field hospital is not the ideal scenario. It puts a strain on our healthcare system. As much as everyone is tired of Covid-19 and all of the restrictions, no one is more tired than the health care workers and other frontline and essential workers. We have been at this since March and will continue to fight the battle, but we need everyone's help to break this vicious cycle. The only good news is that the vaccine appears on the horizon.

On a lighter note, Tina and Tiffany have been preparing for Thanksgiving with the residents, and I can't wait to see what they have in store. Every day, they are bringing in more supplies and ideas to make this a great day for the residents, and I am constantly in awe of their creativity.

This week we had lap blanket raffles and "birdie bagels." Of course, the favorites of Blitz with Mary and Bingo continue to be a constant source of happiness.

Julie, our resident hairdresser ensured that everyone is ready for the big day. She will be away for approximately a month, and her anticipated return is December 22nd, just in time to ensure Christmas coifs.

As always, wash your hands, wear a mask, socially distance and this week, I add to stay within your home circle. Together, we can break this Covid hold on our lives.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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