

Facebook Covid-19 Update #34

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First and foremost Happy New Year. Let us hope that the coming year is kinder and gentler than the past one. We have fought quite a war with Covid-19 over the past ten months; some battles tougher than others. We remain steadfast in our vigilance to keep everyone safe in the coming year.

Our Covid-19 swabs from last week were once again negative for all of the residents and staff. We did have two positive test results; these were on agency staff that were pre-emptively swabbed prior to being allowed to work in the facility. I want to repeat, they had never entered the facility and therefore had no contact with either the staff or the residents. This is precisely why this is done.

Our staff that have been out related to family members with Covid-19 are doing well, and they have remained Covid free. Unfortunately we have had a couple more staff that have had family members come down with Covid as well; these staff are now out of work, have tested negative but will remain out based on RIDOH guidelines. I ask that you once again keep them in your prayers. This skirmish is taking its toll. Fortunately, two of the staff will be returning to work next week, as their quarantine/isolation periods have come to an end; they are eager to be returning to work believe it or not!

Walgreens has reached out to me this week as coordinator for the Covid-19 vaccination clinic with dates here at the facility. We were originally scheduled for January 22nd but have been moved up to January 19th for the first clinic date. The second date will be February 9th and the third and final date March 2nd. If they get any chance to move us up in the queue, they will be letting us know. I can't believe that this is finally coming to fruition and once the vaccine becomes available to everyone, we may return to a sense of normalcy. Of course, this won't happen overnight but there is a sense of hope and lightheartedness that didn't exist before.

This week has been hectic with back to back holidays; Christmas was gone in the blink of an eye and New Year's is upon us. The residents enjoyed some Champagne and Chocolates today with Tiffany and Tina. They appeared to very much relish this festive treat. Just want to personally say have a happy and safe New Year's, and as always, wash your hands, wear a mask, socially distance and keep your social circle small until we can all be together again.

Respectfully Submitted,

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