

## Facebook Covid-19 Update #39

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BallouLife Communities continues to work through the Covid crisis. We are diligently working to get the lives of your loved ones and our staff back to a degree of normalcy. We, unfortunately have lost another treasured family member this week. We have worked so hard to bring them back from the brink but our best efforts against this nemesis has once again proven to be futile. Heaven has gained far too many angels far too soon and we truly are heartbroken. Please pray for us and for the families who have lost their loved ones; we all need your kind thoughts and prayers.

The total of twenty nine residents who tested positive has remained a constant; no further positive tests. The four who were negative last week continue to remain negative. Unfortunately one more staff has tested positive this week bringing the total to forty-two. Slowly, the staff are returning and very happy to be back with your loved ones, as they are happy to see them too. The smiles on staff and resident faces even though hidden by masks are visible through their eyes; if we were all Irish, "Irish eyes are smiling."

The good news is that we were able to inoculate nine residents this week with the Pfizer vaccine. The residents who had the monoclonal antibody treatment need to wait ninety days before they can receive their vaccine. Landmark Medical Center has been kind enough to provide the vaccines and will return for the second dose for the aforementioned nine residents, and then again once, the ninety-day moratorium is completed for the others. Our staff have also been able to go to Landmark for their vaccinations, as they have opened up their clinics to us. I have received my second dose and I'll tell you, it packed a wallop but I'm glad to have received it. I urge everyone once you have the vaccine available to you to receive it. The alternative of Covid-19 is not an option. We will be testing twice this week and once again, if we continue to remain negative, we will go back to weekly testing.

A huge thank you goes out to the agency staff who have continued to work at our facility and continue to do so until all of the staff return. We could not have done this without them. Tina has returned this week; she is tired but glad to be back. Our Facebook page is beginning to come back on-line and it's nice to see the residents smiling for the camera. Little by little, we are starting the crawl back to normal.

As always, wash your hands, wear a mask, socially distance, and keep your family circle small.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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