

Weekly Covid-19 Facebook Update #42

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BallouLife Communities has finally turned the corner on our Covid-19 outbreak. We have had no positive staff or resident cases for the past two weeks. Our residents are all doing well at this time. The staff for the most part have returned to work. There are several that are still out, they are being followed by their doctors, please keep them in your prayers.

Our second round of Covid-19 vaccines were given this past Wednesday, February 23, 2021. There have been no significant side effects other than a sore arm or two. The residents handled it well. Those that had been treated with the Monoclonal Antibody (MAB) infusions will be in line for their vaccines mid-April. This will be set-up through Landmark Medical Center as well. A huge thanks to Landmark for their kind assistance with this. More and more of the staff have received their second vaccines as well. Others that were hesitant have seen both the residents and their peers receive their vaccines and are now signing up to receive the vaccine as well.

We are moving along on the road to visitation. Several family members have come in this week for swabs. The lab picks them up on Fridays and generally the results are available by Monday. Once we have the results, Jen or Kyla will be reaching out to you to set-up visitation. If you missed this week's swabbing, we are doing this weekly, it just means you can't visit this week. Come next week on Wednesday or Thursday between 7am and 3 pm. For those that have previously been swabbed, please remember that this is done on a weekly basis.

Our hairdresser, Julie, will be back next week. The residents are looking forward to their salon time with her. We are in the process of bringing back all the ancillary services as well. While we had Covid-19 in the building these services were put on hold by both parties but now that we are clear they will be returning. These include optical, podiatry, audiology, and dentistry. We will also resume on a limited basis outside physician appointments. Life is starting to crawl back to normal.

February has come to an end and March is upon us. Tina has been busy taking down the Valentine hearts and replacing them with Shamrocks. I'm sure she has something up her sleeve for St. Patrick's Day. Quickly on the heels of St. Patrick's Day is Easter, it comes very early this year. It will be a whirlwind of activity and celebration. FaceTime visits continue on a daily basis.

As always, wear a mask, wash your hands, socially distance, keep your family circle small and now I will add get a vaccination when your turn comes.

Respectfully submitted,

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