

# **Facebook Covid-19 Update #43**

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Please forgive my lateness in sending this update, I was out for a few days and am just now getting back to the daily routine. BallouLife Communities continues to remain Covid-19 free. All of the staff and residents that had tested negative continue to test negative. All of the families that have come forward for testing are also negative and have been granted the "Golden Ticket" for visitation!

Speaking of which, the visitation is a highlight of your loved ones day. It is so nice to see the smiles on everyone's faces. The normalization of our daily lives seems so very close. For those of you who are too far away for in-person visitation, Tina continues to provide FaceTime calls.

Almost daily we are getting guidance as more information becomes available. Just yesterday the CDC released guidance for the general populace related to fully vaccinated people. Definition: People are considered fully vaccinated: 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, like the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, like Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine. Please be aware that the timeframe for fully vaccinated does expire ninety days status post vaccination. This is the current guideline, it is believed that this timeframe may be longer but it is not known as this is a new vaccine.

However, please bear in mind that the constraints for nursing homes have not changed. We do expect an update and or updates related to this so please continue to be patient with us as we carry on. We will keep you informed as the facts and figures become available to us.

We have started to bring back our daily routines. The dining room has once again reopened for meals. We are alternating schedules so that both floors can partake of the socialization that occurs during a communal meal. We continue to socially distance and masks are worn to and from the dining room.

The ancillary services are being scheduled. Activities continues to be a welcome relief. Tina does an amazing job keeping the residents engaged and happy. She is starting to look and book entertainment for the spring and summer. I'm sure she will proactively work with Tiffany to come up with some delicious treats for these occasions. Speaking of which, while we may not have "Shamrock Shakes" I'm pretty sure there will be some green drinks and treats for St. Patrick's Day. Plus, if I know Tina I'm sure there is going to be some "green" staff involvement. Stay tuned for those Facebook pictures!

As always, wash your hands, wear a mask, socially distance and get a vaccine.

Respectfully submitted,

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