

Facebook Covid-19 Update #47

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BallouLife Communities has had another successful negative Covid-19 week, no residents or staff have tested positive for the past three weeks. We have swabbed for this week and some of the swabs have already resulted and those that have are all negative. I pray that this trend continues. We have come through the proverbial storm. We have had three admissions so our BallouLife family is starting to grow again.

We are still in the process of vaccinating the residents, new admissions will receive the vaccine provided they meet criteria. The balance of the residents that had MAB treatment in January will be able to be vaccinated at the end of this month. At that time we will be ninety two percent vaccinated for residents. Staff are getting vaccinated but at a slower pace approximately fifty percent at this time. We do have some that received the MAB treatment as well and they like the residents will be able to receive the vaccine at the end of the month.

We are now allowing flowers for the residents, we will hold them in quarantine for 24 hours and then give to your loved ones. It is not too late for those Easter flowers! I know Tina posted this announcement earlier today on Facebook. We do have some live tulips and lilies to adorn our dining room courtesy of the BallouLife activity department.

We celebrated Palm Monday versus Sunday with Deacon John, the residents were truly appreciative of being able to celebrate and receive both palms and communion on that day. We have been observing Holy Week all week long, today has been a day of reflection in preparation of Easter Sunday. Tina has quite the day planned for the residents on Saturday. There will be Easter egg hunts for both the staff and for the residents. All of the residents will receive an Easter basket filled with goodies. Easter Sunday the dining room will be set for an Easter dinner, Tiffany will ensure a gastronomic delight.

Visitation continues to go well and the Saturday visits are starting to pick up. Outdoor visitation will commence once Mother Nature decides to cooperate. The gazebo is calling. The residents did get a reprieve and were able to get outside on Wednesday afternoon as the weather cleared and it was warm enough to get a whiff of fresh air. Hopefully this is the advent of future tidings.

As always, please continue to wear a mask, wash your hands, socially distance, keep your social circle small, and get vaccinated. Have a happy and Blessed Easter.

Respectfully submitted,

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