

Facebook Covid-19 Update #50

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BallouLife Communities remains Covid-19 free. The tests from last week for both staff and residents were all negative. Some of this week's swabs were picked up early and those results have come back negative as well. The balance will come in over the weekend, not anticipating any positives but that's why we test. The testing will continue weekly as we have received no updated guidance from the state to change this. Fortunately our positivity numbers in the state are starting to trend downward once again.

Vaccination day has finally arrived and thirteen residents and eight staff have received their first of two Moderna vaccines. Once the second vaccine is given next month, residents will be at a ninety six percent vaccination rate and staff will have hit that elusive seventy five percent target. I am so proud of this staff, they have come a long way in acceptance of the vaccine. I still have some fence sitters, I'm trying to convince them but they do have to decide for themselves.

Visitation continues to go well. Mother Nature wasn't too kind weather wise this week so the visits have been indoors for the most part. Hopefully warmer days are ahead for us and you will be able to sit in the gazebo and enjoy not only each other's company but the outside ambiance.

Activities continues to march along at a rapid pace. Tina is working hard for nursing home week which is May 10 through May 14. She is taking us to the Hawaiian Islands. I can picture the palm trees, hula dancers and beaches already. Of course a tropical drink with an umbrella in it wouldn't hurt either. This week we did have a treat with Steve Burke as he provided an outdoor concert for everyone. It was a bit nippy but a good time was had by all. Steve is a great entertainer and always puts on a good show.

As always, wash your hands, wear a mask, socially distance, keep you social circle small and safe, and get vaccinated.

Respectfully submitted

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