

Covid-19 Facebook Update #52

May 7, 2021

I can't believe that I have been providing these updates for a year now, it doesn't seem fathomable. Covid life is changing rapidly as more and more folks get vaccinated. Last week we had changes to masking, this week social distancing. I will attach to this update the changes mentioned.

Please understand that we are moving a bit slower in this nursing home related to a lot of the changes that are occurring. Our Covid outbreak was in January, 2021. We had a lot of residents that received the monoclonal antibody treatment (MAB) which pushed their vaccinations out for three months. Since then these residents have received their first Covid-19 vaccine dose on April 23, 2021. They are scheduled for their second dose on May 24, 2021. They will then be considered fully vaccinated two weeks after this dose which is June 7, 2021. Right now we are only 31 percent fully vaccinated for the resident population, therefore, they are still at quite a risk to contract Covid-19. We are doing our best to protect your loved ones. Please bear with us, on June 7, 2021 the residents will be 92 percent fully vaccinated.

The same criteria is for our staff, we are 59 percent fully vaccinated for staff, and on June 7, 2021 we will be 75.5 percent fully vaccinated. This is considered the herd immunity number. I also have some fence sitters that are leaning towards getting the vaccine, just need to push them over the edge, I'm gently nudging them.

The good news is no masks required if you are fully vaccinated outdoors, indoors, masks are required. We will be going to three foot social distancing per today's guidelines. We are taking baby steps to protect all involved. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Some more good news, all of last week's swabs were negative. This week's swabs most have already resulted and are negative as well. The lab picked up the swabs early on Thursday so those are done, the balance were picked up today. They were all staff that were picked up today.

Mother's Day is this Sunday. I know Tina, Jen and Kyla have worked their magic to ensure as many visits as possible. We have a "rainy day" contingency but the forecast appears to show fair weather, I'll keep my fingers crossed. Following Mother's Day we are into Nursing Home Week, Hawaii here we come. Tina has our flights booked and our itinerary planned, can't wait to be in an Aloha state of mind. There will be all sorts of events planned throughout the week. Check Facebook often for all the fun event postings.

On a personal note I will be on vacation for the next two weeks, someone else will be penning the updates. I leave May 14, 2021 and return June 1, 2021. As always wear a mask, wash your hands, socially distance (only 3 feet now), and keep your social circle safe.

Respectfully submitted,

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