

Facebook Covid-19 Update #57

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BallouLife Communities has had another successful negative week of Covid-19 testing for both residents and staff. We are on an off week this week for swabbing and next week will be for unvaccinated residents and staff. Our statewide positivity rate has remained stable, last week 0.60 percent, this week 0.58 percent. The Providence County rate has dropped from 0.9 percent to 0.5 percent. We continue with the every other week testing for unvaccinated staff and residents and monthly for vaccinated staff and unvaccinated residents.

As of June 7, 2021, our residents are 92 percent fully vaccinated. Our staff is now 78.3 percent fully vaccinated based on this week's data. The state of Rhode Island is 49.6 percent fully vaccinated with 62.3 percent with at least one dose administered. 1,197,352 doses have been administered so far. The surrounding New England community is in the same range as Rhode Island. In the total United States fully vaccinated is 42.15 percent and 51.45 with at least one dose. So in comparison we are slightly above average nationwide.

Visitation continues to go well. More and more residents are going out for rides and visits as well. So happy to see them enjoy time out of the facility. This has been a long time coming for both parties. The heat at the beginning of the week was prohibitive but has cooled enough that the residents were able to get outdoors and enjoy some fresh air.

The garden on the back patio is coming along nicely, can't wait for those juicy tomatoes to grow. My mouth is watering thinking of them warm from the sun. The residents grow the best vegetables. Tina continues to come up with unique ideas to keep everyone active, happy and involved on a daily basis. Our therapy group has resumed the exercise class and it has been so popular that another day has been added. Your loved ones are coming out of their shells and getting back to enjoying an almost normal life. Hallelujah!!!

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

Respectfully submitted,

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