

## **Facebook Covid-19 Update #58**

**June 18, 2021**

BallouLife Communities continues to remain Covid-19 free. We did swab the unvaccinated staff and residents this week. The swabs have been picked up by the lab and the results will come in over the weekend. The positivity rate for the state is 0.5 percent, slightly down from last week (0.58 percent). The Providence County rate is 0.6 percent a bit up from last week (0.5 percent) but well below the 5 percent rate.

The vaccination rate for the state is now 56.7 percent, up from 49.6 percent last week. One shot of a two series is 63.9 percent, up from 62.3 the previous week. The total number of vaccines administered is 1,234,458 doses. The rates at the facility have not changed much from last week, 92 percent of residents fully vaccinated, one resident who will be receiving her 2<sup>nd</sup> dose on June 21, 2021 and one refusal. The staff are 78 percent fully vaccinated.

We did have a statewide healthcare call with the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) yesterday afternoon. Basically nothing has changed in our guidance and visitation policies at this time. We still require masking in the facility whether vaccinated or unvaccinated. We are still required to screen at the door. The testing regimen remains every two weeks for those who are unvaccinated (both residents and staff) and monthly for vaccinated staff only. We are still under a state of emergency, this is expected to be reviewed and potentially lifted on July 9, 2021. Again, this is a potentiality, we will keep you updated.

Tina keeps the residents busy with activities. Today we had a Father's Day Friday Barbeque out on the back patio. Mother Nature fully cooperated, it was absolutely beautiful outside. On top of that BallouLife Communities treated all the residents and staff to free ice cream from the Alien Ice Cream truck. Can't tell you the last time I had ice cream from a truck, brings back some happy childhood memories. Now I have to walk 5 miles to burn off the calories from the chocolate sundae. Monday is the first day of summer, yellow is the color of the day and entertainment in the afternoon will be provided by Steve Burke. Lots of fun things to look forward to.

As always, wash your hands, wear a mask where and when required, socially distance as required, and obtain a vaccine if not already vaccinated, let's keep everyone safe and healthy.

Respectfully submitted,

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