

Facebook Covid-19 Update #60

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BallouLife Communities continues to remain Covid-19 free. Last week we did not swab in the facility. This week all staff vaccinated and unvaccinated were swabbed, only partial or unvaccinated residents were swabbed. The swabs have been picked up by the lab and are being processed at this time.

Our fully vaccinated staff percentage this week is 78 percent, the residents remain at 92 percent. In another week that percentage should creep up to 96 percent as we wait out the two week timeframe status post a second vaccination.

The state vaccination rate is 64.7 percent up from 63.9 percent last week. Fully vaccinated is 59.1 percent and partially vaccinated is 65.3 percent. The county breakdown for one plus dose is as follows: Providence County 57 percent, Kent County 67 percent, Washington County 69 percent, Newport County 69 percent, and Bristol County 69 percent. While Providence County did increase just slightly we still lag behind the other counties in the state. Please roll up those sleeves and get a vaccine. The total number of vaccinations given is 1,278,966 of which 633,116 are fully vaccinated doses and 691,495 are partial doses.

The state positivity rate remains stable, 0.34 percent, down slightly from 0.39 percent last week. Massachusetts is 0.24 percent slightly up from 0.22 percent and Connecticut is 0.50 percent down from 0.57 percent last week. Providence County positivity rate is 0.4 percent, Kent County is 0.6 percent, Washington County is 0.6 percent, Newport is 0.7 percent and Bristol County is 0.5 percent.

The Delta Variant continues to be the variant of interest. All three of the vaccines, J&J, Moderna and Pfizer have shown efficacy against this variant. It is extremely transmissible, the most transmissible variant thus far. At this time it accounts for 26-40 percent of the cases in the United States. It is the dominant variant in Europe overtaking the Alpha variant. It is on track to be dominant in the United States as well. It has been detected in all fifty states. Please get a vaccination and given that we are somewhat returning to normal if you are at a large gathering or venue wear a mask.

Today we are celebrating July 4th a bit early with Polka Paul. The residents are enjoying wine and cheese. A good time for all. Happy Independence Day!

Respectfully submitted,

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