

FaceBook Covid-19 Update # 68

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BallouLife Communities remains Covid-19 free. We continue to test twice weekly for the unvaccinated staff and now weekly for vaccinated staff. Unvaccinated residents are tested every other week and vaccinated residents are not tested at this time. The results from Tuesday, August 24, 2021 are all negative. The swabs from Thursday, August 26, 2021 were picked up by the lab and are in process at this time. The turn-around time has been 24-48 hours. The results will come in over the weekend. Our percent of vaccinated staff and ancillary personnel is 81 percent. The unvaccinated is 19 percent.

Rhode Island continues in a high transmission rate with 182.7 total new cases per 100,000 persons in the last 7 days, last week this number was 196.7. Our percent positivity rate is 3.4, last week this was 3.6, slightly down but new hospital admissions increased to 114 from 111. New cases per 100,000 this week is 195, last week 178. The ICU now has 24, last week 19. Our vaccinations continue to climb slowly upward: 747,136 partially vaccinated; 681,769 fully vaccinated for a total of 1,384,450 total doses administered.

We continue to remain under 5 percent positivity. There are now 10 states that meet this criteria, last week there were nine. The surrounding states are as follows: Maine 2.3 percent, last week 4.3; Massachusetts 2.55 percent, last week 2.73; Vermont 2.78 percent, last week 3.24; New York 3.18 percent, last week 3.15 percent, Rhode Island 3.4 percent, last week 3.61; Connecticut 4.13 percent, last week 4.81; and New Hampshire 6.74 percent, last week 7.08. All show improvement except New York but its change is almost negligible.

The county number for Rhode Island are as follows: Providence County 4.4 percent positive, last week 4.6; Kent County 3.9 percent positive, last week 3.2; Washington County 2.6 percent positive, last week 3.0; Newport County 4.9 percent positive, last week 3.9; and lastly Bristol County 2.5 percent positive, last week 3.2. The vaccination rates have not changed from the prior week for all counties except Kent which went to 71% from 70 percent.

The CDC Covid Data Tracker continues to show increases in all data points. The current 7-day moving average of daily new cases is 142,006 increased 2.8 percent from the prior week of 138,087. The Delta variant is considered to make up greater than 99 percent of all cases. The percentage of Covid-19 tests that are positive is 10.1 percent a decrease from last weeks of 10.4 percent. The 7-day average number of administered vaccine doses reported to the CDC per days was 877,756, a 6.61 percent increase from the previous week. 61.1 percent of the US population has received at least one dose and 51.9 percent are fully vaccinated. The current 7-day daily average for hospitalizations is 12,297, a 5.7 percent increase from the prior 7-day average of 11,637. Hospitalizations are highest in Hawaii, Kentucky, Oregon,

Washington, and Wyoming. The current 7-day moving average of new deaths is 864 and increase of 11 percent compared to 779 the previous moving average.

We need to keep our guard up. As always wash your hands, wear a mask, socially distance and get vaccinated

Respectfully submitted,

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