

Facebook Covid-19 Update #26

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What a week! As previously sent to you via letter, FaceBook and on our webpage, we are currently closed to visitation for at least two weeks. Our last visits were held on Tuesday, in keeping with the guidance of the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH). Our nursing home is located in Providence County, which had a positivity rate of 14.7% on November 3, 2020. Today that positivity rate is 18.7%. Additionally, Kent and Bristol Counties have now reached greater than 10% positivity rates as well. This trajectory is not what we are looking for. The Governor has issued new Phase III guidelines; please attend to these.

We are all tired of Covid-19, but it is still a very imminent threat to all. Please stay strong and vigilant.

Once again, all of our weekly Covid-19 testing came back negative. What a blessing! This staff is beyond phenomenal. We are all truly dedicated to keeping everyone safe. The testing for this week has been completed and the swabs picked up by the lab. A couple of staff have some cold signs and symptoms; both were tested with our Point of Care testing here at the facility and both were negative. These were followed up with the PCR swab that we have done weekly; so a double dose of swabbing.

We have put together a Covid-19 outbreak plan per RIDOH guidelines. I hope that we never have to put it into action but rest assured we have a plan in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Tina has been busy keeping the residents updated on the election, and photos have already been posted to Facebook. Blitz with Mary continues and is always a great hit, and of course Bingo. I think the staff have as much fun. I definitely see them getting antsy when a resident card is close to winning.

We are busy planning a wonderful Thanksgiving for the residents. I have been privy to some of Tina's preparations, and I guarantee they will have a grand time. I'm almost kind of jealous that I have the day off; I may have to come in and volunteer! She is good at making lemonade out of lemons. The kitchen is to be commended in aiding and abetting this adventure.

As always, wash your hands, wear a mask, and socially distance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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