

## Facebook Covid-19 Update #29

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BallouLife Communities has remained Covid-19 free for another week. Each week, as the results come back, I hold my breath praying that we all test negative. We are doing everything possible to keep this horrible virus out of the facility. So far, fingers crossed, we have managed to succeed. Our swabs for this week have been picked up by the lab and are ready to be processed. Monday, with all the uncertainty comes too quickly. Thanksgiving has come and gone in the blink of an eye. Everyone has said how beautiful Tina, Tiffany, and the staff made this holiday for your loved ones. I saw the pictures on Facebook and it was picture postcard perfect. The residents had grins from ear to ear, the tables were beautiful, and the ambiance was beyond compare, the food par excellence. We all do our best as we consider your family, ours as well.

My humble Thanksgiving at home had nothing on the one provided here. It was a tough year without my children at the table; the call to tell them not to come broke my heart, as everyone hunkered down and put our lives on “pause.” Let us hope that enough of us sacrificed Thanksgiving with our loved ones to flatten out this horrendous trajectory.

Visitation remains on hold. As we are updated, we will update you. I don't see this changing unless the virus in the community significantly trends downward. Please do everything you can to help this become a possibility, as I know you are.

The only glimmer of hope on the horizon is the promise of the vaccine. We have partnered with Walgreen's through our pharmacy, which is PharMerica to provide the vaccines to the residents. As this vaccine is cold storage, Walgreen's will provide the storage and administer the vaccine on-site. As more information is provided to us, we will reach out to you for permission to give the vaccine just as we did for the flu and pneumonia vaccines. I just want to say we have 100 percent compliance with these vaccines!

As we continue on this Covid journey, please be safe, and take time for your own mental health and well-being. We are truly in this together.

Remember, wash your hands, wear a mask, socially distance and do your best to put your life on “pause” for the next few weeks.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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