

December 4, 2020



Greetings,

Staff were tested on Tuesday and surprisingly we have received nearly 70% of the results already, all negative. This is a fantastic turnaround particularly compared to the delay we have experienced the last few weeks. We are hopeful the remainder are swiftly returned with negative results.

In previous updates we mentioned the need to monitor the percentage of active COVID cases in Coos County, the latest report presented Coos County with a positivity rate of 8.3% as of November 25th. The significance in maintaining watch of these figures are its effect on indoor visitations. We are hopeful and pray we stay below 10%, reaching this figure results in stopping indoor visits and testing all staff twice a week. If we reach 10% we will call families with a scheduled visit and offer a closed window visitation. To maintain regulatory compliance the window must unfortunately remain closed. We are required to follow the statistical data presented by CMS when determining the county's rate of active cases opposed to the state's dashboard. These updates are new and we have identified the data is stale by a week and they are released on Tuesdays. If you would like to follow this data use the "Ctrl" button and click on the tab provided [CMS COVID Data](#). At the bottom of the section titled COVID-19 Testing you will find the link for county positivity. The link will be typed at the end of this letter for individuals who receive a letter and would to follow the data.

We have not received a vaccine informational sheet or consent forms to distribute, please complete and return immediately if you will be participating in the vaccination program. Trepidation and hesitancy towards a new vaccine is understandable but Measles, Mumps, Smallpox, Polio and many other illnesses have been controlled through widespread vaccination. The two leading vaccine manufacturers are Moderna and Pfizer. We have not received confirmation to which vaccine will be distributed to our region however Moderna is reporting a vaccine with 94.5% efficacy and Pfizer reporting 95% efficacy. As a community we can help take care of one another and return to normalcy through vaccination participation.

Lastly, we mailed a letter last week for Christmas Eve/Christmas Day visitations, it was mailed to the POA/First to notify of each resident. If you are the POA/First to Notify and have not received a raffle please contact Jill in the Business Office immediately. Please return the slip immediately if you are interested in one of these two visits. These visits will follow the current guidelines which include social distancing, masks and no physical contact unless through the hugging booth.

CMS COVID County Positivity Rates

<https://data.cms.gov/stories/s/COVID-19-Nursing-Home-Data/bkwz-xpvg/>

Thank you,

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