

December 18, 2020



Our weekly testing occurred on Tuesday and all results have returned and are negative! We commend staff for maintaining a work-life balance and pray for these continued negative results.

The time has arrived for COVID-19 vaccinations and our onsite vaccination clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, January 5, 2021 with the second round on January 26. Vaccination consent forms were mailed to POAs (Power of Attorney) for residents with an activated POA. Please do not hesitate to call if you have questions about the consent form or about the vaccination. If a resident's POA is not activated we encourage you to speak with your loved one about their thoughts on the vaccine. To provide the time for these discussions we will begin reviewing the consent form with residents the week after Christmas.

As we know, vaccines help our immune systems fight infections faster and more effectively. When you get a vaccine, it sparks your immune response, helping your body fight off and remember the germ so it can attack it if the germ ever invades again. Severe reactions to vaccines and the COVID-19 vaccine are rare while mild side effects are frequently common. These mild side effects after a vaccination are a signal that antibodies are being created in your body and disappear after a day or two. Reports identify individuals older than 55 experienced fewer side effects. Common Side Effects included injection site swelling/redness, fatigue, fever, headache, muscle ache, chills and nausea. We respect the varying thoughts regarding the COVID vaccine and receiving the vaccine is not mandatory for residents or staff.

This week we celebrated our resident Christmas parties and were well received by the residents. Typically, everyone would gather together for a meal and Santa would pass out gifts afterwards. This year we held three separate parties and celebrated a social distance meal and distribution of gifts with each individual floor. The dietary department made treats for each person to walk away with a small platter for themselves. A special thank you to the Activity Department, Dietary department and each staff member who assisted in helping ensure the residents had their Christmas parties in a safe manner.

Thank you,

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