

January 1, 2021

Greetings,



Happy New Year and the beginning of 2021. Traditionally, many welcome the New Year with celebratory cheers while singing Auld Lang Syne. The song begins with the question "Should Old Acquaintance be forgot, and never thought upon," fitting for the year in review. Arguably, not having the ability to freely spend time and see those who mean the most to us was the most difficult part of 2020. Let us pray 2021 is the transition back to friends and family and whom we never forget.

Our weekly testing was conducted on Tuesday, Dec. 28th and all results have returned and are negative!! The CMS county positivity rate was 6.8% as of December 23. The CMS rate is the official rate to follow when confirming the ability to host indoor supervised visitations and frequency of weekly testing. We use the state's county rate to anticipate the CMS delay and as of December 31 that rate has climbed to 8.1%, let's hope the cases drop so we can keep our doors "open."

Our vaccination clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, January 5 from 10am until approximately 6pm. The COVID vaccine will be administered in two doses, the first on January 5 and second on January 26. After the second dose it takes approximately two weeks to reach the 95% efficacy rate. This means there is approximately a 5-week timeframe in which someone can still contract COVID after receiving the first dose. With millions of vaccines already administered and only a few serious side effects reported we are optimistic to be see the light at the end of this tunnel. It is important to note as a community we still have a lot of work and time ahead of us until we have cleared COVID but the vaccine rollout is a wonderful step. If your loved one will be participating in the vaccine clinic please contact us ASAP if you have not received or submitted a signed vaccine consent.

During the period of time from Thanksgiving week through New Year's Day we doubled our daily visitations. As a team we knew it was necessary to increase the visitations during the holiday season but unfortunately, we must return to one visit station beginning on Saturday, January 2. We would like to thank everyone for their patience and acceptance of the setup we were able to create; simultaneous visits were not optimal but each visitor made the best of the situation which maintained a positive environment. Thank you!

Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions, concerns or suggestions.

Thank you and Happy New Year,

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