

ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN



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URGENT MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 4, 2021

TO: Rock Haven Residents and Families

FROM: Sara Beran, Interim Nursing Home Administrator

RE: 1 Positive Staff Member and Updates

Dear Rock Haven Residents and Families:

Rock Haven would like to share that we have had one staff member test positive for COVID-19. We're currently following all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance, as well as, guidance from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This includes all staff members adhering to the "Criteria for Return to Work for Health Care Personnel with Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19" guidance issued by the CDC before returning to work. In addition, all residents who experience signs or symptoms of COVID-19 are immediately quarantined to their room pending a negative COVID-19 test and improvement in signs and symptoms.

We are continuing to follow the practices below to ensure the safety of residents and staff:

- All residents and staff are tested twice weekly for COVID-19;
- Prior to each shift, staff wash their hands, take their temperature, and answer a series of questions to ensure they are not exhibiting any known COVID-19 symptoms;
- Staff are required to participate in hand washing, personal protective equipment, and disinfecting audits;
- We conduct a rigorous sanitation regimen that follows, and in some cases exceeds, all state and federal guidelines. This includes increasing the daily volume of cleaning done in common, medical and residential areas. All protective and medical equipment are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected according to manufacturer instructions;
- Residents and staff maintain 6 feet of social distance when not providing direct care and all gatherings are limited in size;
- Lastly, all employees continue to wear face shields and procedure masks for the entirety of their shift, and residents are encouraged to remain in their rooms, wear a mask outside their room and are monitored 3x per day for new onset of respiratory symptoms.

Our second vaccine clinic was held on February 3rd. One hundred and sixty staff members received their first or second dose of the vaccine and 94.62% of residents received the full series of the vaccine! The final vaccine clinic is scheduled for March 2nd. Those who are receiving their first dose will have their second dose administered at the facility by a trained nurse or by appointment at a Walgreens site in Janesville when the CDC provides an individual code.

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We would like to sincerely thank the residents and their families for their support of receiving the Moderna vaccine. The vaccine has given new hope to the finality of this year long pandemic. It goes without saying, this has been one of the hardest experiences we could ever ask you to go through with us. You did it with grace and grit. It is thanks to you we have preserved through the unknown into the new dawn of the vaccine. We excitingly look forward to the possibility the vaccine will give of resuming what we used to see in our everyday lives before COVID-19. Including, the smiles of our residents and staff behind their masks, visitors and their pets ready to greet their loved ones, and the sound of laughter and music in the social room. This is the everyday our residents deserve. We will continue to do our best to see this day again.

Unfortunately, indoor visitation will remain restricted to compassion visits until the county positivity rate is below 10% and the facility is not conducting outbreak testing. Please contact Gail Sullivan (608) 757-5325 to schedule a visit through FaceTime, Zoom, Google Duo, phone calls, window visits, and emails.

We will continue to provide updates with as much information as we can on our efforts to combat COVID-19 and how we are best caring for our residents.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Sara Beran

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