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Dear Residents and Families,

It's crazy to think we are halfway through January already, with our second vaccine clinic right around the corner.

This week we can share some very positive and encouraging news. With our weekly testing continuing both with rapid (quick response tests) and PCR (lab tests) the results show a significant decrease in new positive cases.

We had one staff member test positive who has been on quarantine prior to testing positive and we have had NO new residents test positive! To some this may seem like a small victory but to all of our staff who continue to work so diligently with property PPE practices, hand hygiene, and daily testing, this is a huge milestone. By Monday, all quarantined residents will be out of their quarantine (except those new admissions).

We are going on two weeks of negative results from our residents (other than hospital admissions) which has opened up the idea of window visits. If all resident results come back negative from today's testing, we will start looking at opening up our window visits again next week. Start breaking out your winter gear and watch for a note early to mid-next week.

As stated earlier the 2nd clinical date for our COVID-19 vaccine is right around the corner. Our goal is to have all of our staff and residents vaccinated. We are providing additional education to our staff about the benefits that this vaccine can bring to not only to them but to our residents. If you or your family member received the first vaccine, we will not be sending out a second consent form. We are counting the one consent for this two-part vaccine. If your family member has not received the 1st dose of the vaccine they are still eligible to receive the vaccine on the 27th. We highly encourage families to consider this option.

While all of this information is uplifting looking toward the future it is with heavy hearts to say that we did lose 2 additional residents due to COVID-19 complications in the past week and a half. This virus, while diminishing, is still very real and the only way to eliminate it is to encourage everyone to get vaccinated so we can create "herd immunity" and stop it in its tracks.

To all of you we sincerely hope you have a safe and healthy week and a reminder to wash your hands, socially distance, and enjoy time limited to your family.

Reminder that each communication is always posted on our website (www.samaritancampus.com) and phone updates are on our Campus Hotline 262-335-4599.

Thank you for your ongoing support and feedback.

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