

January 8, 2021

Dear Residents and Families,

We have made it to 2021 – and with that comes the growing HOPE that we will make our way out of this pandemic as a country, as a State, as a County and as a campus.

My email to you the week of New Year's spoke of the HOPE with the first dose of our vaccine on 12/30/2020 as well as the challenge of an increase in cases and our enhanced PPE and processes.

Today, we have just received a huge additional shipment of supplies from the State. We are most grateful that we have had adequate supplies – surgical facemasks, KN95's (enhanced masks), face shields, gowns, gloves, along with cleaning supplies throughout the campus. We have continued to have supplies for all shifts – but are going through a significant amount each day. (Our garbage has increased many times over!!)

December 30th 156 vaccine doses were provided to residents and staff.

- 78% of our residents receive this first dose. The second dose will be given to these residents on 1/27/2021. We are acknowledging that the resident/family approval authorized both dosages. Residents who did not receive the first dose on 12/30/20 will be eligible to receive their first dose on 1/27/21.
 - No adverse effects were noted or reported. All residents continue to be monitored EACH shift.
 - Goal – 100% of our residents vaccinated
- 38% of our staff received this first dose on 12/30/2020.
 - Two staff reported slight fevers following the vaccine
 - Goal – 100% of our staff vaccinated

As noted in the 12/30 note to all, we experienced a slight surge in cases here these last two weeks. Daily staff and resident rapid testing has been able to identify any potential positive case in 15 minutes. Our procedure is to do a second test (a PCR which is very accurate) on all those whose rapid test results are positive. We then have staff quarantine for the designated timeframe.

Our PCR testing from this past Tuesday has shown no new resident cases and 4 new staff cases. Yesterday we lost the fifth of our residents (COVID diagnosis).

We currently have 17 campus residents who are in COVID quarantine; many coming off this Sunday. We have 4 other residents who are in the 14-day precautionary quarantine based on being a new admission for us.

Testing continues again today with our PCR test. Daily rapid tests are being done for our care staff each shift. Rapid tests continue for our residents in areas where there had been significant spread. These should decrease based on our case numbers dropping.

We do see good news – not only here but are also seeing the positivity numbers decrease at both the County and State level. We (as a country) have been “warned” however, by the Surgeon General that we could expect a post-holiday surge so precautions with procedures, protection and visitation remain in place for a little while longer.

The Surgeon General's message to those of us on a national call, did offer HOPE particularly with the two current vaccines and potentially more on the way. He optimistically shared that, if we, as individuals and as a country continue on the path of immunization, we could be back to "normal" by late summer/early fall. He emphasized again the reasons for getting the vaccine: "1st to— protect yourself; 2nd to protect others; 3rd to develop herd immunity as a community." We are working hard to ensure that our community is doing all we can as a Campus.

When the opportunity arises for you – please consider being an active part of combatting this pandemic.

Visitation continues to be on our minds, as we know the time separating families and residents weighs heavy on all of us. We do continue to do compassionate visits when there is a significant change of condition or see that a visit(s) could be imperative to a resident wellbeing. Our Social Services, Nursing, and Therapeutic Recreation staff continue to monitor and have visits with all residents as a way to socialize residents and monitor their mental and physical health. We continue to do virtual visits with families. These requests have increased significantly and we are doing our very best to help accommodate all.

Please know that staff are here 24/7 and are in close contact with families and physicians of those affected. Staff have been doing a fantastic job with coverage for each other; staffing is good and exceeds our normal schedule – with the help of students – but also knowing that it takes a lot longer to provide care due to the putting on and taking off of PPE!

Please feel free to contact our nurses if you have any questions. They may not be right at the Nurses station as our resident care is priority. Please feel free to leave a message and they will return your call.

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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