
COVID-19 UPDATE

TO: WESTMINSTER VILLAGE RESIDENTS AND STAFF
FROM: BARB NATHAN
DATE: DECEMBER 18, 2020

We have so many blessings and so much to celebrate this season, especially this week. All of the resident tests that were done in Martin Health Center and Assisted Living have come back negative (we are only missing one Assisted Living result). We started with a new testing partner, OSF, and we had results for both areas in less than 24 hours. We did rapid tests on site for our staff and did have a few positives this week, but all are doing well and are quarantined. Again, we carried out the appropriate contact tracing for these individuals.

The residents in Martin Health Center that tested positive recently are all doing much better. One is moving out of the COVID unit today and another six are planning to move out of that unit this weekend. Everyone who had been hospitalized has returned to Martin Health Center and their condition is improving. For all of this, we give thanks.

For those that work here, I can't thank you enough for the incredible job that you are doing. Everyone is getting weary but our burdens are always lighter when we work together and when we care for each other.

We have received little news on the vaccine this week and the frustration with that grows, though we continue to realize the monumental task it is to distribute this vaccine. We do not have definite dates for clinics nor a definite answer on how many doses will be available. Therefore, we do not know how many individuals (residents and staff) can be vaccinated in our first clinics. We will share vaccine information as soon as we get it and we are advocating every single day to get this vaccine to the people who need it the most.

Next week and the following week, you will get your COVID update a little early. We are always here but I figure Christmas Day and New Year's Day are not days you want to read a COVID update.

With a grateful heart I write this.