
COVID-19 UPDATE

TO: WESTMINSTER VILLAGE RESIDENTS AND STAFF
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I had hoped to be able to tell you, on this Christmas Eve, that our testing did not identify positive cases. Unfortunately, I can only say that for the testing we did of staff this week. We have all of the resident tests back in Martin Health Center and four people tested positive. These four individuals are not showing symptoms but have been moved to the COVID unit. As a result we currently have five residents in the COVID unit. We pray for their wellbeing and pray for their families. The Assisted Living tests were completed yesterday and we may not have those results until Christmas day.

Unfortunately, there is no more vaccine news and we continue to believe that we may not have it until near the end of January. I again communicated with those that we believe have influence over this but without success. The staff continues to do a fantastic job here. The night nurse that had to move several residents to the COVID unit last night could not have been more positive this morning. In fact, she told me that with the wonderful people she gets to work with, every night is a good one. That's the spirit of the Westminster staff and I believe that is the spirit of the Westminster residents.

We look for the positive, we lift each other up and we give thanks for what we have. May you find joy in the ways that you have to connect with others during this holiday season. It's not the same, but it can still be special. We pray for all those that are separated from loved ones. We know that there is, truly, still a large glimmer of hope that we will get beyond this in 2021.