

## WEEKLY UPDATE

**December 11, 2020**

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

Please accept this letter as our weekly update regarding the status of COVID-19 in our facility. Since the onset of this virus, we have had 44 residents and 19 staff members test positive for COVID-19. All 44 residents have recovered.

As you have probably heard, the CDC recently announced that healthcare workers and long-term care residents should be among the first group of people to receive the vaccine for COVID-19. We are optimistic this will help stop the spread of this virus in our community. Consents for the vaccines are currently available and while we do not have the exact dates that the vaccines will be administered, we will let you know as soon as that information is available. In the meantime, please continue to do your part in limiting the transmission of COVID-19 by wearing masks, washing your hands and keeping a safe distance from others. The facility will be sending out vaccine consent forms during the week of December 14<sup>th</sup>, so please watch for these in the mail.

We are also working hard to keep everyone in our community safe and we will continue to practice the enhanced safety precautions that are known to prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as only essential personnel are allowed inside the facility and we screen them for signs and symptoms of illness prior to entering. Our residents are continually monitored and staff is using PPE as recommended by the CDC. Staff is frequently reminded and encouraged to practice social distancing and to use hand sanitizer and frequently wash their hands when they are in the facility and out in the community. We ask them not to report to work if they have symptoms of illness.

Please continue to check our website for weekly updates as well as notification of new cases. As always, we will notify you if we receive confirmation of a new positive case in our facility and we will reach out to you individually if your loved one is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us directly at 574-406-6600

Sincerely,

*Marti Carmean*

Administrator



## *Christmas Holiday Update*

Dear Residents/Families/Friends,

With Christmas and New Year's Eve around the corner, we would like to send you and your loved ones the warmest of holiday wishes. We know how difficult it is to celebrate this time of year without the same traditions we have all grown accustomed to, but with the COVID-19 vaccine becoming a reality in the very near future, we are more hopeful than ever that 2021 will bring happier and safer times for everyone.

As always, we are extremely grateful that you have entrusted your loved ones to our care and we are making every effort to provide our residents with wonderful holidays. The visitation schedule for the holidays are as follows: Please call the facility at 574-406-6600 to schedule a visit for your loved one. We will be offering extended visitation opportunities for the residents and their loved ones.

As a reminder, our cumulative number of cases to date are as follows: 44 residents and 20 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. Our regular weekly updates will resume next week and we will continue to update you on our website if we receive notifications of new confirmed cases of COVID-19. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us directly.

On behalf of the entire staff at Bell Tower Health and Rehabilitation Center, we wish you a happy and safe holiday season

Sincerely,

*Marti Carmean*

## WEEKLY UPDATE

**December 29, 2020**

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Please accept this letter as our weekly update regarding the status of COVID-19 in our facility. Since the onset of this virus, we have had 44 residents and 20 staff members test positive for COVID-19. I am pleased to report that all 44 residents have fully recovered.

The facility is slowly opening up for visitation, please call our front desk to schedule a visit with your loved one.

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