



Dear Resident, Family Members and Friends,

This newsletter is being sent to all responsible parties listed as the primary contact for the residents of the Baldwin Care Center. This newsletter is being distributed to residents of the Baldwin Care Center. Responsible parties can direct other family members and friends to the Baldwin Care Center website at [www.baldwincarecenter.com](http://www.baldwincarecenter.com) to read current and previous newsletters. Birch Haven Assisted Living is sending newsletters to responsible parties. The Birchwood Apartment Manager distributes copies to tenants. If there is a topic that you would like discussed in the newsletter, please contact me via email at [elafavor@baldwincarecenter.com](mailto:elafavor@baldwincarecenter.com) or by phone at 715-684-3231, Ext. 103.



This week I have a campus vaccine update to share. As was indicated previously, the staff and residents of the Baldwin Care Center received their COVID-19 vaccines on January 7th. The next vaccine date for the Baldwin Care Center vaccine date is February 4th. The staff and residents of the Birchwood Apartments and Birch Haven Assisted Living will be receiving the first dose of the vaccine on Tuesday, January 26th. Their next dose will be scheduled for 28 days after that. If staff or residents decide not to get the vaccine during the first vaccine clinic, they can wait until the second time the vaccinators visit. There is then a third and final visit

that the vaccinators make to each setting to give the second doses to those who chose to wait to get the first vaccine. I learned this week during a Wisconsin Department of Health Services webinar what happens after the series of three vaccines have been given in each setting. The facility can seek out another provider of the vaccine to continue to vaccinate residents and staff. The facility can either work with a local health care provider or a local pharmacy to continue to receive vaccines. The vaccine clinics that Walgreens and CVS Pharmacy are currently conducting are part of a federal Pharmacy Partnership program. These initial vaccines are being given to those in the highest priority "1A" group. My understanding from our Medical Director and our consultant pharmacist is that the age group over 65 will be able to start making appointments soon at either the local health care provider or the local pharmacy. It sounds like each location will receive a specific number of vaccines that will be distributed to the population over 65. I am hopeful that the rollout of vaccines to the general population goes quickly. All of us want to return to "normal". I also learned during this week's DHS webinar that the Wisconsin Department of Health Services is receiving questions from family members of residents who live on long term care campuses about when they will be able to visit after COVID vaccines are given. The very specific direction right now from DHS is that visitation guidelines will remain status quo for the time being. Most residents of long term care campuses have not received their second dose of the vaccine yet. DHS indicated that they will keep facilities aware of any changes that are made to the current visitation guidelines. Of course, when guidance changes I will let you know.



The Baldwin Care Center had tested both residents and staff with the molecular tests on Monday January 18th. Results for staff and residents came back on Wednesday, January 20th. One current resident tested positive for COVID-19. After the resident tested positive, the facility began testing all staff and residents with rapid tests to make certain that there were no more positives. The initial results from the rapid tests for staff and residents were negative. We will continue to rapid test until we complete molecular tests for all staff and residents. During routine testing at the

Birchwood Apartments, a tenant tested positive for COVID-19. Due to the positive tenant and resident, visiting has temporarily been put on hold at the Birchwood Apartments and the Baldwin Care Center. Birch Haven Assisted Living is currently conducting vestibule visits.



There continues to be a need for direct care staff on the campus. As I have mentioned in the past, this problem seems to have worsened during COVID-19. Birch Haven Assisted Living needs Resident Assistants to provide direct care to residents. Baldwin Care Center needs Certified Nursing Assistants. If you are aware of anyone who is looking for a rewarding position caring for people, please contact Baldwin Care Center or Birch Haven Assisted Living. Applications are available online at [www.baldwincarecenter.com](http://www.baldwincarecenter.com). No experience is necessary to become a Resident Assistant. Training is provided onsite. The Baldwin Care Center will pay the tuition to send applicants to CNA training and pay a wage while they are attending class. The majority of the CNA course is now available online so it is more convenient to complete. The campus also offers a large sign on bonus for all direct care positions. Please feel free to share this information with family and friends.

*Eileen LaFavor  
Administrator*



A special THANK YOU to the children that made a few snowmen outside our residents' windows.

It was "snow" much fun to watch!



*Staying warm  
indoors &  
playing games*