



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 also distributed to the 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 to read current and previous newsletters. Birch Haven Assisted Living is also sending newsletters to responsible parties. The Birchwood Apartment Manager distributes copies to tenants. If there is a topic you would like discussed in the newsletter, please contact me via email at elafavor@baldwincarecenter.com or by phone at 715-684-3231, Ext. 103.



The staff and residents of the Baldwin Care Center received their vaccines on Thursday, January 7th. Walgreens came from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm to give the vaccines. They will be returning in four weeks to administer the second dose of the vaccine. Then they will return a third time four weeks after the second dose. On the second visit they will administer the second dose and administer first doses to those who may have been missed the first time. After administration of the vaccine, we are monitoring residents for any side effects. We still do not have a definite date as to when vaccines are going to be administered in Birch Haven Assisted Living and Birchwood Apartments. We will let you know as soon as we are aware.

The Baldwin Care Center currently has had two residents in the COVID unit. One is a Baldwin Care Center resident. The other resident had been hospitalized and was from another setting on the campus. The resident in Birch Haven Assisted Living that was hospitalized has returned to Birch Haven Assisted Living and is through the quarantine period and is doing better. On Wednesday, a Birchwood tenant was transferred to the hospital and tested positive with a rapid test. The hospital is completing a molecular test and we are awaiting the confirmatory results. All Birchwood tenants and family members were informed of the positive rapid test for the tenant. We are uncertain as to where this tenant will be placed on the campus after discharge from the hospital.

I am so deeply saddened by the fact that some of our residents contracted COVID-19. I felt like we had almost reached the finish line with the arrival of the vaccine. We were so close to beginning to get some control over this virus. The number of lives that have been lost due to this virus is alarming. I encourage all of you to get the vaccine when you are able. It is the only way we will be able to return to some sense of normalcy; including being able to visit with loved ones. When a skilled nursing facility has a COVID positive resident, it triggers a visit from the state survey team. As of this date, we have not had the survey team visit.



When we have had a resident test positive we have been doing rapid testing on both the residents and the staff and continued to do the PCR molecular test twice weekly. All test results from the end of last week through this week have all been negative for staff and residents. We believe that we are doing everything possible to regularly test and monitor staff and residents to contain the spread of COVID-19. I will let you know the results of the Focused Infection Control Survey when we have completed it. Because of the current positive resident and staff case in the Baldwin Care Center the facility remains in quarantine.

Because of the positive resident case in the Birchwood Apartments, that setting is currently in quarantine. Birch Haven Assisted Living is now past their quarantine date, so dining and some other socially distanced activities have resumed. Visiting will resume beginning the week of January 11th.

I do have some good news regarding testing for St. Croix County. The COVID-19 positivity rate has finally decreased to a point that the federal guidance will allow facilities to test only once a week, instead of the twice a week requirement that has been in place for the last several months. As I have mentioned before, testing of both staff and residents is rather labor intensive. It will give both staff and residents a bit of a well-deserved break.



There are a couple of thank yous to pass along this week. Birch Haven Assisted Living would like to thank Loretta Larson and Lara Kelland for the cheese and cracker tray. Thank you also to Dorothy LaFavor and her daughter Holly Geck for the White Castle sliders.

*Eileen LaFavor,
Administrator*



**Happy
Birthdays**



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