



December 31, 2020

Timber Ridge Family,

I am thankful that we do have some better news to share this week. We have only had one additional resident test positive for COVID at the beginning of this week, and yesterday's round of resident COVID tests all came back negative. We will test again on Monday, but this feels like we are headed in the right direction.

As of today we have nine residents who are still under isolation precautions for COVID, and eight of them should come out of quarantine on Saturday. Most people are starting to feel better and over the last couple of days we were able to get many of them moved back into their own rooms. Next week we hope to start to open up some of the common areas again to bring back even more resemblance of "normal".

Thank you family members for your continued patience when you call here for updates or with questions. Staffing has been a challenge for us and will continue to be so at least through the weekend. This makes it difficult for the staff who are here to get to the phones, especially in the evenings or on weekends and holidays. This will only improve, so thank you for bearing with us. As much as possible if you could route your questions through your loved one's QIDP during weekday hours that will help nursing immensely.

For those of you who are interested in numbers, we have had 47 residents and 53 staff members test positive for COVID since December 8th. Prior to that (from September 20 to November 25) we had 4 residents and 15 staff who tested positive. We have had two hospitalizations, but most people have experienced only mild to moderate symptoms that we were able to treat here at Timber Ridge. I can only attribute this to the protection of an almighty God along with the diligence of our amazing staff members have done an incredible job of providing loving care in extraordinary conditions.

We are continuing to work through how things will look going forward, and we don't have all the answers. One thing we do know is that if someone has recovered from COVID, for 90 days from when they tested positive they are able to go on visits to their family home without restrictions when they return to Timber Ridge. It is unclear at this point what should happen after those 90 days are up. IDPH has not yet lifted any other restrictions on visiting and since we are still in "phase 3 mitigations" in our region, we are not yet allowed to have indoor visits at this time. I am hopeful that we will see that change in the near future, but we will continue to be diligent to protect those who live here. We have nineteen people who have not had COVID and we would sure like to keep it that way.

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Another thing that gives us hope is that we have been in contact with CVS and at some point in the near future they will have a vaccination clinic here at Timber Ridge. We do not have dates yet, but we are moving toward that. More information will come on this as we learn more.

Thanks for all of your support and prayers. I hope you all have a Happy and Healthy New Year!
Thanks,

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