



December 18, 2020

Timber Ridge Families and Guardians,

We continue to have new cases of COVID-19 at Timber Ridge. Yesterday nine additional residents and seven additional staff members tested positive for COVID-19, for a total of 24 residents and 12 staff members with new COVID cases in the last ten days. We are continuing to move residents who are positive into COVID isolation units as much as possible in an attempt to slow the spread and protect those who remain negative. So far most residents are having fairly mild symptoms, almost all of which have been manageable here at Timber Ridge. We have had one exception where a short hospital stay was required for treatment that we could not provide here. Staff are doing an exceptional job of providing care in what can be very difficult circumstances. Please continue to pray for residents' and staff's emotional and physical health as well as the stamina to see this through.

Many of you have asked about the COVID vaccine. At this time we are signed up to receive the vaccine at some point in this first "1A" batch. We have partnered with CVS to help us administer the vaccinations and are expecting more information from them including consent forms in the near future. They will be setting the dates for our vaccination clinics but we do not have those dates yet. We do know they are starting their clinics at long term care facilities the week of December 28th and they are starting with skilled nursing facilities (SNF). We are an intermediate care facility (ICF/DD) and we do not yet know where we fall in line. As soon as we have more information we will be reaching out to all guardians. I have attached a vaccine FAQ document from IDPH that might interest some of you as well.

As always, please feel free to contact us if you have questions.

Thanks,

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