



**December 24, 2020**

**Communities at Indian Haven**

**Dear Friends, Families, Residents and Caregivers,**

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and look with hope toward the promise of a New Year. 2020 will go down of one of the most challenging and saddest years for our world due to COVID-19. All of us long for the “Normal” way of life which ended on March 13<sup>th</sup> with the lockdowns and uncertainty of what to do or not to do. Fortunately, we live in a country that rises to adversity and worked diligently to develop a vaccine. Thus, we have two vaccines for COVID-19. This is a major step in stopping this pandemic and protecting our residents. Finally, a **“Shining Light”** in the darkness! How appropriate for the Christmas Season!

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved both the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines to be safe and effective. As healthcare workers, we will be among the first to receive the vaccine. This is very encouraging. Our facility will be receiving the Pfizer vaccine. I have been following fellow healthcare workers who have received the vaccinations in the hospital settings who are doing well after several weeks. I can’t wait to receive the first vaccine!

Indian Haven is currently scheduled to participate with the CVS Vaccine Partnership Program on January 4, 2021. Our pharmacy partner will provide onsite vaccination clinics for our staff and residents. The vaccine includes a series of two injections, with the second round currently scheduled for January 25, 2021. Please complete the attached permission slip and return it by Dec. 31, 2020. Check our website’s COVID-19 page for updates, links, frequently asked questions and consent documents.

We remain focused on basic principles of cleanliness set forth by policies and procedures from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Department of Health (DOH), and Regional Response Health Collaboration Program (RRHCP).

Our Facility’s Resident Impact (May 15, 2020 through December 24, 2020):

Number of cases	
13	ADMISSIONS: Residents admitted or readmitted who were previously hospitalized and treated for COVID-19
3	CONFIRMED: Residents with new laboratory positive COVID-19
0	SUSPECTED: Residents with new suspected COVID-19
45	TOTAL DEATHS: Residents who died in the facility or another location
21	COVID-19 DEATHS: Residents with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19 who died in the facility or another location.

Family members and all others impacted by the virus will be contacted and provided with results/updates. In keeping up with COVID-19 challenges, we have enacted the most recent Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

guidelines regarding visitation. These guidelines are based on county positivity rates. Indiana County has 3,779 cases with 104 deaths.

We especially thank and truly appreciate the dedication of our Nursing Staffs, Dietary, Housekeeping/Laundry, Environmental Services and Administrative Staff for their exceptional efforts. We encourage staff to maintain social distancing, use caution when attending gatherings, wear N95 masks and practice hand hygiene while at work and home.

Thank you for the continued support you have shown to our Residents and Staff. We have received many donations of food, snacks, candies, books, personal care items, puzzle/word searches, pencils and clothing items. We have received items from as far away as Georgia! Project Bundle of Joy was a huge success in our community! We are blessed with so many generous community members, Churches, and organizations. Our staff has enjoyed your overwhelming support with goodies and luncheons as well as pizza.

Thank you for allowing us to care for your loved ones and make them apart of OUR Family!

Wishing you and yours a Very Merry Christmas and a hope filled 2021!

Very truly yours,

*Kim Cobaugh and Communities at Indian Haven Family*

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