

## Communities at Indian Haven

February 12, 2021

Dear Friends, Families, Residents and Caregivers,

We are monitoring our county positivity rates in the hopes that we can invite you back into the facility to visit your loved one. Many counties have made progress and that is encouraging. Currently in Indiana County the positivity rate is 8%. We have been able to decrease our testing to once weekly as a result of the decreased positivity rates, which gives a ray of **HOPE!** The total county cases are 4.939 with 154 deaths.

Current visitation protocols will remain in place for now. We are following guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Department of Health (DOH) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). There are no new protocols related to visiting. We do continue to offer Compassionate Care Visits for end of life.

Meanwhile, we encourage our residents, staff and families of our community to become vaccinated against COVID-19. And remember, even after vaccination, please continue to maintain physical distancing, use caution when attending gatherings, wear a mask and practice hand hygiene. These are principles of cleanliness set forth by the CDC.

We are participating with the Vaccine Partnership Program. Our pharmacy partner, CVS, is providing onsite vaccination clinics for our staff and residents. The vaccine includes a series of two injections, scheduled 21 to 28 days apart. Our final in-house clinic will be Monday, February 15. There is still an opportunity to get Residents and Staff their first vaccine. We are partnering with Indiana Regional Medical Center to schedule second vaccines. They utilize the Pfizer vaccine, as well.

The percentage of Residents who received the vaccine is 97%. The percentage of Staff who received the vaccine is 72%. We have noted minor side effects such as headache, sore arm and tiredness. We continue to monitor all Residents every shift including temperature and respiratory assessment.

Our Facility's Resident Impact (May 15, 2020 through February 11, 2021):

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

Learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine:

- CDC offers information about [what to expect at your vaccination appointment.](#)

- The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a [vaccine page for families](#) to reference. This will help with understanding about vaccination eligibility and locations.

These links and other vaccine information are presented on our website's COVID-19 page as well as updates, videos, links and frequently asked questions.

Family members and all others impacted by the virus will be contacted and provided with results/updates.

We appreciate all of our staff and their hard work in these unprecedented times as well as their commitment to defeating this pandemic. Our "Healthcare Hero jackets" arrived and were distributed this week in recognition of Staffs ongoing commitment and caring throughout this pandemic. We are proud of the care we provide to our residents. Now, we need for this to become a community effort. We thank you in advance for getting vaccinated.

With Sunday being Valentine's Day, we wish you love, health and peace. I was reminiscing about the valentine boxes we decorated, name placed on them and sitting in a row to receive your valentines at school. It was so much fun and we looked forward to our exchange and goodies at the party! I was so fortunate to have a Granny who would make cupcakes for my class and bring them in! Activities has made heart crafts with your loved ones to decorate their rooms with the staff decorating the Nurses Stations. Our Residents will receive Valentine Cards and a balloon this year. We had donations from several community groups to assure everyone received Valentines!

Thank you again for your continued prayers, cards, donations and mail for our Residents and Staffs. Your support and love have been unfailing!

Until we can be together again,

*Kim Cobaugh NHA and Communities at Indian Haven Family*