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Dear Riverview Staff, Residents and Resident Representatives,

Now that we have completed our 2nd Vaccination Clinic for COVID-19 at Riverview, I wanted to update everyone where things stand at this point.

Vaccination:

We have vaccinated 115 staff members and 74 residents. This gives us 68% participation with staff vaccination (the highest in Ottawa County) and 93% with resident participation. These percentages give our facility 76% participation across our entire campus!

Most of these individuals received their 2nd dose on Saturday, January 16. We did have 20 staff members and 11 residents who received their 1st dose at this clinic, CVS pharmacy will be back to the facility on Saturday, February 6 for these individuals to receive their 2nd dose! For those who may be discharged home at this time, we will need to make sure we have updated contact information for you, to plan for your return to our facility for your 2nd dose to complete your vaccination.

We have not been told that after February 6 the facility will have more availability to the vaccine. Any staff members or residents who are interested will have to go through the Ottawa County Health Department Preregistration process.

Testing:

Two different factors contribute to our testing schedule. The 1st is the Ottawa County Positivity Rating, as determined by the Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS). This positivity rating takes ALL Ottawa County residents who have been tested and uses the percentage that tested positive for COVID-19. This includes not only testing done within nursing homes, but also in the community. If a county's positivity rating is below 5%, facility staff is only required to test monthly. If the positivity rating is above 5% but below 10%, facility staff tests weekly. If the positivity rating is 10% or above, the facility staff tests twice per week. This positivity rating does not cause us to test our residents, only facility staff. At this time, Ottawa County's Positivity Rating is 22%, meaning Riverview staff is testing twice a week. The rate is updated weekly and even after falling below 10%, the facility is required to continue testing twice a week for the following two weeks.

If the facility has a staff member or resident test positive, this also causes staff to be tested twice per week. When there has been a staff member or resident found to be positive, this is

what causes us to also test our residents every 3-7 days. This will continue until the facility has gone 14 days without any staff or resident testing positive.

There has been some discussion at the state level about how testing should continue following the vaccination process, but no direction has been given at this time.

Current Cases:

At this time, Riverview **HAS NOT** had any of our residents test positive. We do have 1 contractor off that has contact with our staff and residents. This will cause us to test residents weekly for the next 2 weeks. At this time all staff/contractors when around our residents, wear N95 masks as an additional precaution. Residents outside of their rooms or in the presence of staff members wear cloth masks as an additional layer of protection.

Per regulations, and as an additional precaution, the units that this contractor worked on are on "quarantine". This means that staff are in FULL personal protective equipment, which includes, not only the N95, but eye protection, gloves and gowns as well. These protective layers are changed after care is provided to each resident.

Current cases and accumulative cases from the entire pandemic are kept on our website www.riverviewhealthcare.com or by calling our front desk between the hours of 5am and 7pm 419-898-2851 ext. 4000

Visitation:

We have received multiple questions about when we can reopen for visitation. We also are desperate for this to happen SOON! Unfortunately, we have not been given any direction from the State (Ohio Department of Health) or Federal (CMS) government as to when we will be allowed to permit visitation, or how that visitation may be carried out.

Right now our visitation guidance is given by both ODH and CMS. Facilities are to follow the most "stringent" of these guidelines, (meaning whichever permits the least and/or disallows the most. Right now, neither will allow visitation IF the facility has had a positive case in the past 14 days from either staff or resident.

Currently, with Ottawa County's 22% positivity through CMS, our county is considered a "Red" County with High Community spread. At this time, any county in the country with a positivity rating ABOVE 10% is NOT Permitted to hold visitation.

The state has allowed indoor visitation, as we did for a few weeks, prior to the spike in cases in our county, but as stated above, in order to allow for this, our county positivity rating must fall below the 10% for visitation to be permitted.

Riverview is one of the 1st facilities to complete our vaccination, and we are hoping our testing and visitation guideline changes are soon to follow! But at this time, this is where

things stand. As soon as we are permitted to do so, we will notify residents, representatives and our staff about visitation and the protocols that are permitted.

I had hoped to have better news but felt that an update was needed regardless. We thank our #ViewCrew for their continuous fight against COVID-19 and their dedication and hard work to keep this virus away from our residents. As always if you have any questions or concerns we can address, please contact us.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kendra M. German, LNHA". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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Riverview Administrator

