

SAINT ANNE'S TERRACE MEMO

TO: Residents & Families
FROM: Terri Monroe
Date: January 21, 2021
Subject: COVID Vaccine, Visitation and Dining

We are receiving multiple calls a day about when the Terrace's vaccines will be available, but we still do not have a date for when it will be given at the Terrace. We realize you are frustrated with the roll out of the vaccine, we are as well. Some family members have been able to obtain vaccines at their physician's office or at a small pharmacy. **As soon as we know when our date is to receive the vaccines, everyone will be notified immediately.**

Our quarantine policy will not change until the COVID numbers in Georgia and especially Fulton County are lower. They are still extremely high. Once someone receives both vaccines it does not mean they will not get COVID. Just that if they do, their symptoms are lighter or for a shorter period. Having received the vaccine is just one step toward normalcy. We must still socially distance, wash our hands and wear masks. Our quarantine will not change.

Recently we have had two employees, and now one family member who passed our Viral Sign scan but tested positive for COVID. The family member who tested positive exposed their parent who now has also tested positive. **The Viral Sign machine does not catch people if they are asymptomatic.** We have been very lucky that the exposed residents and staff have tested negative for COVID other than the one resident mentioned above.

Our current dilemma is whether we need shut down visitation to minimize the risk of resident exposure. This would allow us open back up the dining room and some of the group activities, but we cannot do both safely. Even though we are doing hallway activities, we feel that the entire community could use more interaction with one another. These are not easy decisions to make, nor are they taken lightly. We are working diligently to make sound, safe decisions for the betterment and safety of the entire community. The COVID crisis has taken a toll on all of us in this community as it has in your own household. The roll out for vaccines in Georgia has not helped the current situation.

Next week we will be meeting with residents on each floor, one floor at a time to answer any questions or concerns and discuss the two possibilities mentioned above. More details on the times and dates of these meetings will be sent out soon.

Terri Monroe