

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Dear Residents,

I'm pleased to report we have had no new cases of COVID-19 identified in staff or residents in the past 8 days. I'm also happy to report that we have an additional 3 residents, as well as 7 staff members, who are now considered recovered from COVID-19.

Our current numbers as of today are:

- **Residents currently residing within Independent Living**  
total: 0 (no change) | with symptoms: 0 | without symptoms at this time: 0  
| recovered and removed from list: 2 (no change)
- **Residents currently residing within Penrose Harbor Skilled Nursing**  
total: 11 (no change) | with symptoms: 5 | without symptoms at this time: 6  
| recovered and removed from list: 5 (up 3 from yesterday)
- **Penrose Harbor staff recovering at home**  
total: 6 (down 7 from yesterday) | with symptoms: 6 | without symptoms at this time: 0  
| recovered and removed from list: 9 (up 7 from yesterday)
- **Total transfers of COVID-19 positive residents**
  - Penrose Harbor transfer to hospital\*: 0 (no change)
  - Residents originally residing in Independent Living admitted to Skilled Nursing: 1 (no change)

\* not counted in totals above
- **COVID-19-positive residents who have passed away: 2 (no change)**

In our morning KeyNotes today we provided you with a number of links to information regarding the new COVID-19 vaccines. I have also found a 5-minute video titled "Layman's Version mRNA Vaccines, Basis of Pfizer, Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines." Here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTLYXmgG8DU>

This video is produced by Alila Medical Media, a company that produces medical education videos for a number of healthcare institutions, including the National Institutes of Health and Johns Hopkins Hospital. This video provides an animated explanation of how mRNA vaccines function within the body and also addresses the topic of herd immunity and its importance in helping to stop the pandemic. I hope it's helpful to you in making an informed decision regarding the vaccine when it becomes available to us.



Amy Webb, Executive Director