

Once again this week we see a radical rise in the number of cases in Blair County. We have been very vigilant advising our staff to take every precaution when at home or in the community and especially when they are here. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts the community spread has once again affected us. In the testing done this week, 4 staff members were identified as positive for Covid without manifesting any symptoms. All residents in the nursing home were tested and two residents on the C-2 Unit tested positive for Covid. This unit is now declared a red zone for isolation and closer monitoring of all residents on that unit.

The rest of the nursing home remains in quarantine as a Yellow Zone.

As we have moved through the various stages of quarantine, several of our staff that had shown symptoms or tested positive in previous weeks, are now able to return safely to the workforce.

We continue to monitor staff and enforce self-isolation for symptoms, potential exposure, and of course if tested positive.

As many news articles and media posts from officials have stated, the upcoming holiday season holds the potential for widespread transition of the virus. We will remain quarantined through the Thanksgiving week offering only virtual visits with your loved ones. We encourage you to make these visits as special as you can. We encourage you to keep the visits upbeat and positive. We will do our best to make the holiday special for your loved ones.

OLAR has remained gratefully COVID free.

We must reflect with grateful hearts of the many blessings we have and not focus on this painful period of time as we live through this pandemic.

We will be offering extended hours to host "Virtual Visits" in the nursing home on Thanksgiving Day. With the expected volume of visits, we recommend that you call ahead of time to "Pre-Schedule" your visits. For the nursing home please call 814-695-5571 and ask for activities, for OLAR ask for Michelle Bookhammer

God Bless you be safe!