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Every Season*

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Administrator's Message...Andy Maas

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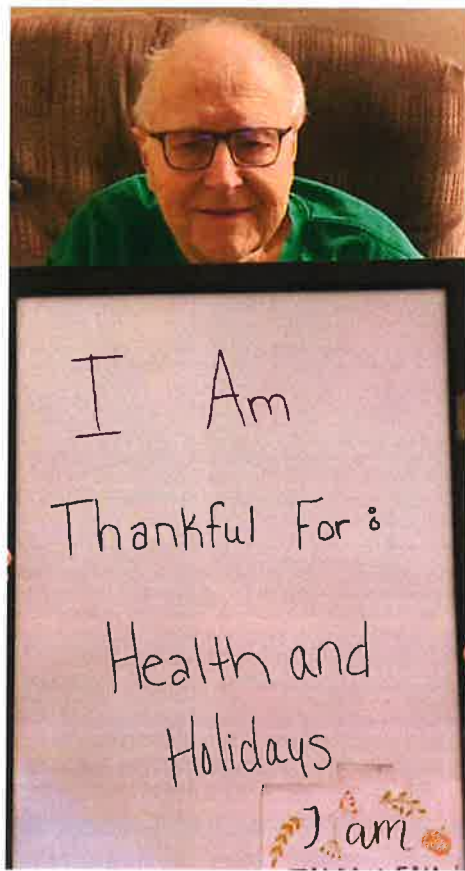
Dear Family Members and Friends; I would like to give you an update on COVID, the vaccine, and Christmas festivities at Briarwood. I am adding more email addresses of Family members, but would ask that you talk with others in your family who would like timely updates on COVID. Please have them contact me at andym@briarwoodhcc.com. Happy to report all staff have tested negative for the last several weeks and we continue to test 2 times a week as the Johnson Co. positivity rate is at 11.3%, which is a decrease from where it has been, and we appear to be in a downward trend. Still far from the 4% rates we saw in October, so keep those protective measures going!. Our outdoor permanent enclosed visiting area is nearly complete and should be useable very soon. We will notify you when we get the go-a-head. Next I would like to discuss the vaccine. We should start receiving it the week of the 13th. Administration of the vaccine will come from Public Health and actual administration from Walgreens for both Residents and staff. I am extremely excited for this to happen as soon as possible with FDA approval. We had at least one family member of a resident a Briarwood who was part of the vaccine trials for Pfizer. I commend that family member for taking a chance and the risk for all of us. The vaccine trial results are excellent and I recommend all Residents take the vaccine. As soon as we have the opportunity for consent forms to be signed, we want those out and back ASAP. There is a 13 minute YouTube video that can answer questions about the vaccine and you may want to see. I will also be happy to answer any questions, so don't hesitate to contact me.

Next, the fun part of this newsletter. We have decorated the facility for the Christmas Holiday and our Christmas Committee has planned fun festivities for the Residents and staff. Please see the December Calendar. We will have special dress days each Friday, holiday movies, games, a present exchange, staff Secret Santa, and our Christmas party on 12/18 with a visit from Santa. We want this to feel as much like a normal holiday season for our Residents and staff as we can. Our party will be different with no families, but if you would like to drop off or send any gifts for your loved one, please do so by 12/17. Briarwood will also be purchasing individualized gifts for the Residents like we always do.

Finally, please send us a digital or 4x6 family picture that we can frame as a gift for your loved one. You can email to tammyf@briarwoodhcc.com, or mail attn. Tammy Frame (605 Greenwood Dr. Iowa City, IA 52246), or drop it off in our entryway. Please make sure to put your name and the Resident's name on the back of the picture or with the email. As always, feel free to contact me. Thank You, Andy Maas
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WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER...MASK-UP, WASH-UP, AND STAY AWAY (6 FT AT LEAST)

Faces of Briarwood





Happy  Holidays!

