

Dear Residents, Family Members and Friends,



I hope you are finding the weekly newsletter helpful and it is giving you a better sense of what is going on here at the Baldwin Care Center campus. This weekly update is going to family members listed as the primary contact for each resident. Please share this information with other family members. The weekly update is posted on our website at www.baldwincarecenter.com if other family members or friends would like to read it. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about the weekly information.

This week at the Baldwin Care Center has been an exciting one. We are celebrating National Nursing Home Week. We celebrated the week with the following events:

Sunday – Happy Mother’s Day! Special tea cakes were made by the Dietary Department and enjoyed by the residents

Monday – Malt Shop Monday. The staff dressed 50s style and malts and shakes were enjoyed by all.

Tuesday – Tacky and Taco Tuesday. Staff dressed in tacky, wacky and crazy styles and the staff and residents enjoyed having tacos.

Wednesday – Western Wednesday. Staff dressed in western attire and a meal was prepared on the grill for everyone.

Thursday – Throwback Thursday. Staff dressed in 70s, 80s and 90s styles and thick and thin crust pizza was served to everyone.

Friday – Fan Friday. Staff dressed in their favorite team jersey/shirt or colors and a French toast breakfast was appreciated by all.



This past week I received some more specific information regarding COVID-19 testing for residents and staff. We will be receiving testing kits for residents and staff at the Baldwin Care Center. Currently the testing focus is in the skilled nursing facility. The facility will need to order a specific number of tests based on the number of residents and staff to be tested. We will receive the shipment of tests free of charge. Dr. Kathleen Findlay and nursing staff of the Care Center will perform the testing for residents and staff. The test is not mandatory. Facility staff will be contacting family members for residents who have an activated power of attorney or guardianship for permission to perform the COVID-19 test. The Medical Director strongly encourages residents and staff to have the test done. The test itself will be a simple nasal swab. The test should not cause discomfort to residents or staff. I am not certain yet as to what the exact date of testing will be.

This past week the Department of Health Services released a list of nursing facilities in the State that had either a resident, employee or contractor test positive for COVID-19. Baldwin Care Center appears on the list because of the employee that tested positive at the beginning of April. This employee has not returned to work yet, so St. Croix County Department of Public Health has not indicated that her case is resolved yet. Currently the facility does not have resident or staff member who is ill. Several employees and residents who had any type of symptom, such as seasonal allergies, a headache or an exacerbation of congestive heart failure or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease have been tested. All test results were negative. The campus continues to be vigilant regarding monitoring the health and safety of residents and staff.

The campus continues to monitor vitals daily for all residents and watch for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. The staff continues to be monitored daily for signs and symptoms and temperatures are monitored. At this time, Dr. Kathleen Findlay continues to be onsite daily to complete rounds with residents and monitor the health of residents and staff. She is available to answer questions that family members may have. She is at the Baldwin Care Center each weekday morning and all day on Wednesday. At this time there are no residents or staff members who have tested positive for COVID-19 that live or work on the campus. We are hopeful that the employee who tested positive one month ago will

be returning to work shortly. We will update residents and family members if we do have a positive test for a resident or staff member.

Even though the State Supreme court struck down Governor Ever's Safer-at-Home order, the visiting restrictions for long-term care facilities remain in effect. In their decision, the justices granted a six day stay, so the order remains in effect until May 20th. I will be awaiting further guidance from Wisconsin Department of Health Services regarding visiting restrictions. I want to talk about the continued visiting restrictions on the campus. I have included the recent guidance that was provided to staff. We continue to have to have these strict guidelines in place to protect the residents on the campus. We ask that you follow these guidelines. You do not want to be the person responsible for bringing the virus to the campus. We have had instances recently that family members have driven to the parking lot and met a resident. There have also been instances that our staff has not followed the rules regarding visiting. If a resident is exposed they must be strictly isolated to their rooms and the staff must don full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). This creates additional isolation for the residents and wastes valuable PPE. If you have questions about the guidance for visiting, please let me know. As soon as we receive any additional guidance from the CDC or the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, we will let you know.

The CNA course being held on the campus that has staff from all three settings on the campus participating began the classroom portion of the course this week. The course seems to be going well for both the instructor and the students. The classroom and clinical portions of the course will be completed at the end of May. Students completing the 75 hour course will be eligible to take the written and skills exam to become Certified Nursing Assistants when testing becomes available again.



This week I would like to thank the following people for the thinking of us and trying to make our day a little happier:

Michelle Anderson and Children – Treats from the Spring Valley Bakery and useful items for the residents

Jackie Detmar – treats for Birch Haven staff

Dietary Staff of Baldwin Care Center – for all of the special meals and treats during National Nursing Home Week for residents and staff

Adoray Home Health and Hospice – Treats for staff during Nursing Home Week

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