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**From: Marilyn Burns, RN Infection Preventionist**

**Regarding: COVID vaccination at Rock Haven**

Hello Family and Friends,

COVID19 is rearing its ugly head again in our area. We appreciate your understanding as we follow guidance to minimize the spread of COVID19 within our facility. We are thankful for the beautiful weather allowing us to offer outdoor visits.

We understand some members of the Rock Haven community are unhappy with Rock Haven employing unvaccinated staff. As most of you know, the county board has been involved with the mandation that was imposed last winter. At this time, we are following our county supervisors' decision and allowing unvaccinated staff to work. We assure you we are following CMS guidance for unvaccinated healthcare workers. This guidance is included in the CMS memo QSO-21-19-NH <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-21-19-nh.pdf>

On August 18, 2021 President Biden announced that his administration will require that nursing home staff be vaccinated against COVID19 as a condition for facilities to continue to receive federal Medicare and Medicaid funding. We are unsure how this mandate will affect our facility. We will continue to keep you informed of changes.

Thank you for your understanding,

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