



T H E S P I R E S
AT BERRY COLLEGE

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Thank you for your continued support as we all work together to keep our community as safe as possible from COVID-19. 158 tests last week yielded three new positive cases. Total quarantine and proper procedures have been in place to keep everyone safe.

Friday was indeed a day full of hope and vaccines! Many thanks to all of you who received the vaccine. The Floyd Medical group was so efficient and professional. We completed the residents' vaccines in two hours!

I very often call our residents pioneers. Well, we still are! We stepped out with daring trust to do our part to begin the process of ending this pandemic. It takes bravery and faith to do this. Many before us have done this when tragedy hit our world with diseases of the past like polio, measles and small pox. It feels good to do our part.

Selfishly, things like traveling, going to Berry for sports events, and hugging my family come to mind, too! All of these things seem more conceivable to me now, however we are not there yet! We must continue our vigilance. As of this writing, Floyd County's positivity rate is 23.5%. We must continue wearing our masks, social distancing and avoiding crowds. Eating inside a restaurant in Rome right now is still not suggested.

Magnolia Place staff will continue testing twice weekly according to the testing guidelines. We will continue our 10% random testing for remaining staff.

We look forward to the CDC's guidelines for post-vaccine protocols for what our future may look like.

The Governor has renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until February 7, 2021.

We kindly ask that you direct any questions or concerns to Tracy Cochran at 706-280-2410.

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