

Hello Friends! This is your Dugan COVID-19 Update for December 16, 2021.

All is well at Dugan! We have remained free of COVID-19 for three and a half months. We think that is amazing! One of the biggest reasons we have remained safe is because everyone has taken great care to follow the outlined safety precautions both at Dugan and within our community to keep from bringing it inside. Keep up the good work.

In order for us to continue to keep the virus at bay, it is critical that everyone take all precautions to eliminate the risk of spreading any type of virus to the elders and our team members. The safest protection against COVID-19 is to be fully vaccinated. If you have not taken the vaccine, please consider it at this time. In addition, it is recommended that all wear a mask regardless of their vaccination status.

We are currently open to indoor visits. Everyone has enjoyed their Holiday visits and activities. We encourage you to continue visiting, with precautions, throughout the rest of the Holiday Season.

Please know that we continue to follow all recommendations provided by CMS and the Mississippi State Department of Health. Please note that the MSDH defines an outbreak in long-term care facilities as a single positive case among elders or employees. We closely adhere to the routine testing policy for elders and employees as laid out by CMS and the MSDH.

Family and staff members can continue to obtain regular COVID-19 updates by calling the hotline at 662-844-8977, Ext. 231 or by going to [mss.org/Dugan](http://mss.org/Dugan) and clicking on the COVID-19 Update Button. As always, if you have any questions, please contact the Dugan team at 662-494-3640.

Bless you and be safe!