

Hello Friends! This is your Dugan COVID-19 Update for December 23, 2021.

Dugan remains free of the COVID-19 virus, and everyone is excited for Christmas! Everyone has enjoyed their Holiday visits and activities. We encourage you to continue visiting, with precautions, throughout the rest of the Holiday Season.

While we are currently open to indoor visits across the campus, 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. This is especially important as our State's COVID-19 cases are beginning to rise and new variants are emerging. As we gather in celebration of Christmas this week, let us all take every measure possible to protect those we love.

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!