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Crushing COVID at Ascension Living PACE Michigan in Flint

Ascension Living PACE Michigan (PACE Michigan) vaccinated 70 older adults and staff with COVID vaccine in a single week, including three married couples.

Each participant received door-through-door transportation to the PACE Center lobby where they were greeted and guided to the vaccine clinic for their second COVID shot. To celebrate the momentous occasion, the clinic was decorated to match the theme, “PACE Michigan crushes COVID,” brightened by balloons, cans of Crush, snacks and paparazzi.

“Our mission is to keep our participants out of nursing homes and in the community,” remarked Craig Berry, Executive Director, Ascension Living PACE Michigan. “In addition to providing medical services, our team provides holistic care with a priority of quality of life for those we serve.”

This past week provided a glimpse of better days ahead. The hope of bringing participants to the Ascension Living PACE Michigan Day Center to combat social isolation and depression are on the horizon. Yet for now, PACE Michigan continues to maintain existing services in the home.

“We shifted most of our center-based services into participants’ homes,” stated Berry. “This helped minimize the risk of infection and protect our extremely vulnerable population from COVID-19 complications. Vaccination is the first step in this brighter future. Every second dose of the COVID vaccine for participants and staff, brings us closer to the hope of a brighter future, including a reopening of our Day Center.”

For more information, call Ascension Living PACE Michigan at 810-236-7500.

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Ascension Living PACE Michigan serves those “55 or better” with physical, memory or unstable health challenges. The Flint-based program’s mission is to provide personalized, wrap-around care for those needing a high level of care, keeping them in the community and out of nursing homes. Serving 160 participants with a team of over 80 staff members, PACE services are provided at the PACE Center, throughout the service area and in participant homes. During COVID-19, most of this care is redirected to participants’ homes with essential staff providing needed services for wellness and safety. Ascension Living PACE Michigan serves all of Genesee County, most of Lapeer County and some zip codes in Shiawassee, Livingston and Tuscola counties.
Ascension Living PACE Michigan is one of 13 programs in Michigan. For more information, call Ascension Living PACE Michigan at 810-236-7500.

Guided by her extended PACE family member Juwan Bates, CNA, Ascension Living PACE Michigan participant Victoria Osborn was all smiles when she had a chance to step inside the PACE Center to receive her COVID vaccine and connect with PACE staff. A glimpse of better days ahead!
Ascension Living PACE Michigan participants and Grand Blanc residents Janet and Bob Gonder celebrate receiving their second dose of the COVID vaccine.
Fenton residents and Ascension Living PACE Michigan participants. Lynne and Michael Lauer, crushed COVID by receiving their COVID-19 vaccinates at the Ascension Living PACE Michigan Center.
Drendia and Philip Duquette, of Grand Blanc were all smiles after receiving their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccination at the Ascension Living PACE Michigan Center.