



A National Lutheran Community

To: All Residents, Families and Team Members

From: Kyle Hreben, Executive Director

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Subject: Path Forward Update

Memorandum

As we continue our diligence in providing a safe and healthy environment for all residents and team members, we continue to focus on strengthening infection control protocols, following basic practices of the three Ws – wash your hands, wear a mask and watch your distance – and participating in ongoing education regarding COVID-19.

We are excited and prepared for our second vaccine clinic on Tuesday, January 26 for all Health Center residents and team members. Those who received their first vaccine on January 5 are scheduled for their second vaccine this coming Tuesday. Additionally, others who were not able to take the vaccine earlier this month will receive their first dose of the vaccine. That group will have their second dose on February 16. While the majority of our Health Center will finish their vaccine schedule next week, we do know that the maximum vaccine effectiveness is achieved 14 days after the second dose.

We continue to work with health officials to secure the COVID-19 vaccine for IL residents. We do expect to have a vaccine clinic with a pharmacy partner in the near future, but until then we encourage IL residents to take advantage of receiving the vaccine through another source if available to you. All Marylanders can learn more about the state's distribution plan at <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine>. As noted on this site, supply of the vaccine is currently very limited, but this site does include information on the current phase of distribution (Phase 1b) and vaccination locations.

We will continue to follow guidance from the state and local Department of Health as well as the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services in all facets of our operations, including testing and in-person visitation. We currently complete twice weekly testing for team members and once weekly testing for residents. In-person visitation is currently permitted in comfort care situations and can be arranged with our clinical team. We do anticipate that our partnership agencies will continue to guide in-person visitation based on the status of COVID-19 in the Health Center, as well as the positivity rate in the greater Montgomery County area.

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During this week's resident testing, we identified six long-term care residents who were positive for COVID-19. These residents have moved to our COVID-19 neighborhood for their recovery period. Two asymptomatic staff members also tested positive.

For residents and staff who are currently positive COVID-19, a vaccine at this time is not advisable. Those who have recently recovered and already received the first dose of the vaccine should speak with their primary care provider before receiving the second dose. We will follow their recommendations.

As always, you can find our COVID dashboard at www.thevillageatrockville.org/covid-19-dashboard, which provides insight to the current impact of COVID-19 on our community. We remain grateful for your support and encouragement.

For reference:

Path Forward

www.thevillageatrockville.org/pathforward

COVID-19 Dashboard

www.thevillageatrockville.org/covid-19-dashboard

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www.signupgenius.com/go/tvarvisits

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