



A National Lutheran Community

**To:** All residents, families, and team members

**From:** Kyle Hreben, Executive Director

**Date:** November 5, 2021

**Subject:** Health Center Path Forward Update

## Memorandum

Throughout this nearly two-year journey on our path forward we have all been keenly aware that vaccination is a critical tool in the fight against COVID-19. I am pleased to report that The Village at Rockville community has reached a new milestone. Ninety-eight percent of our community, inclusive of residents and team members, is now vaccinated against COVID-19! We couldn't be prouder of this incredible milestone that rivals the highest of all statistics for nursing homes in Maryland. We are thankful to each of you for what we have been able to accomplish together.

We hope you are continuing to enjoy our updated visitation hours from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days per week. It is largely due to your diligence in helping us follow proper protocols for health and safety, that residents and families are enjoying longer visitation times together. As a reminder, team members and visitors to the Health Center must wear masks per state and federal guidelines for senior living facilities. Visitors are not authorized in common spaces. These spaces include the dining room, rehabilitation gym, nurses' stations and any open indoor areas. Visitors will be asked to leave those areas and visit in their loved one's rooms. Don't forget to exit the Health Center at or before 9 p.m. each day. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe by adhering to these guidelines.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently updated guidelines around booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Boosters are now authorized for residents and team members who received Pfizer or Moderna more than six months ago or received the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine more than two months ago. We are pleased to have an opportunity to offer the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 boosters within the next two weeks. As a reminder, the CDC has stated individuals can mix and match vaccines as needed/desired. For example, if a resident received the first and second doses of Pfizer, they can receive a Moderna booster. The team will be in contact with residents and families who need consent and qualify for the booster. We continue to encourage team members to receive their booster dose through their health care provider or local pharmacy.

We hope you are enjoying in-person worship with Chaplain Charlene. Make plans now to attend services on the following dates and at the following times in November:

- Tuesday, Nov 16 at 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov 23 at 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov 30 at 3 p.m.

As always, thank you for your help in keeping members of The Village at Rockville community safe and healthy. Enjoy your weekend.