

October 1, 2021

Dear friends and families,

As we turn the calendar to October, we enter a time when many had hoped the pandemic would be behind us. However, in the past few weeks, the spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant has risen. We are very thankful that a great percentage of our residents, their families and our staff have received the vaccine. COVID boosters and flu shots are recommended as well for your safety and your loved ones.

On Friday, September 24, 2021, the CDC issued recommendation for Comirnaty Pfizer-BioNTech booster doses for the following populations, at least six months after the second dose of their Pfizer primary series:

- People age **65 years and older** and **residents in long-term care settings aged 18 and older** should receive a booster of the Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine
- People aged **50–64 years with underlying medical conditions** should receive a booster of the Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine
- People aged **18–49 years with underlying medical conditions** may receive a booster of the Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine, based on their individual benefits and risks, and
- People aged **18-64 years who are at increased risk** for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of **occupational or institutional setting** may receive a booster shot of the Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine, based on their individual benefits and risks.

Following this recommendation, eligible individuals should be able to schedule appointments and receive booster doses. We are working with our pharmacy partners to schedule vaccination clinics to administer booster shots to residents that meet the above criteria. We will keep you informed when clinics are scheduled.

Vaccinations curb the spread of the variant and are a matter of safety as well as compliance with the federal government's mandated vaccines for health care workers at Medicare and Medicaid facilities. The pandemic has taken a toll on healthcare workers. We are grateful to all who have worked diligently to make our residents' lives better.

Our tech savvy friends may find vaccination rates at nursing homes near them on CMS's Care Compare site through [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov). COVID boosters and flu shots are recommended as well for your safety and your loved ones. Learn about [vaccines near you](#) and the [CDC's fact sheet](#).

Our vaccine status is as follows: 98% of our residents are vaccinated and 83% of our staff is vaccinated.

Learn more about vaccine facts vs. myths with a downloadable PDF, blog and video blog, which are linked from our website's COVID-19 page.

Visitations are monitored and controlled based on the [CDC's county view data tracker](#).

We are continuing with our window visits and face time. We appreciate your understanding at this time. Our COVID positive residents have remained at two with a total of four positive staff members.

We are following guidance from [\(CDC\)](#), [Department of Health \(DOH\)](#) and [CMS](#) as well as the latest [COVID-19 infection control guidance](#) with relation to its impact on our residents and visitors. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with our masking and social distancing protocols for our facility. Our utmost priority is to protect the residents and staff and their families.

Our Facility's Resident Impact (May 15, 2020, through September 30, 2021):

| Number of cases | |
|-----------------|---|
| 18 | ADMISSIONS: Residents admitted or readmitted who were previously hospitalized and treated for COVID-19 |
| 0 | CONFIRMED: Residents with new laboratory positive COVID-19 |
| 0 | SUSPECTED: Residents with new suspected COVID-19 |
| 75 | TOTAL DEATHS: Residents who died in the facility or another location |
| 28 | COVID-19 DEATHS: Residents with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19 who died in the facility or another location. |

As always, we appreciate that you entrust us with the care of your loved ones. We take very seriously our responsibility for your loved one's safety and well-being. If you have any questions, we are always available for you. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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