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Communiqué

COVID-19 Briefing

We know there are many questions about the recent positive COVID cases, the effectiveness of the vaccine, and the recently approved booster. We hope the information below will help to answer some of those questions.

COVID-19 Vaccine News

COVID-19 vaccines are working well to protect us from severe illness and death. A booster will assist us to increase antibody protection.

The FDA has granted full approval for the Pfizer (Comirnaty) COVID-19 vaccine.

A booster dose of the mRNA vaccines is now authorized by the FDA and recommended by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

COVID-19 Vaccine Booster

ACIP recommends a booster be administered to our most vulnerable population and the Team Members who work in those environments. Supportive Living Residents will receive their booster dose on-site beginning in the fall.

The COVID-19 booster dose should be administered at least 8 months after the date of the second dose of the initial vaccine series. Vaccine clinics for administration of booster doses will be held on campus in the fall to correlate with the recommended timing.

For individuals who are moderately to severely immunocompromised, the booster may be administered at least 28 days after the completion of the second dose of the initial vaccine series. Vaccine clinics are available at local pharmacy providers in our area for those who meet the immunocompromised criteria.

At present there is no approved booster for individuals who received the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. We are waiting for clarification regarding availability of the Moderna booster.

Additional information regarding the vaccine clinics will be announced soon. Please limit phone calls to inquire about details.

Mask Requirement

Everyone on our campuses must wear a mask when in any public location. The mask must cover the nose and mouth to be effective. A mask may be lowered when actively eating and drinking.

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Influenza Clinics

Anticipating the arrival of the flu vaccine, our clinics will begin in October. Additional information will be announced soon.

COVID Positive Cases

Certain Residents who have recently tested positive are considered “breakthrough” cases. These Residents were “fully-vaccinated” at the time of their positive test. Please be vigilant with your prevention measures. As proven through research, one of the most important preventative measures is wearing your mask when indoors or when social distance is not maintained.

WVC Test Center

If you have COVID symptoms, or have been exposed to someone with COVID, please contact the Resident Nursing Office. Please refrain from visiting the office to decrease the chance of spread.

Asymptomatic Independent Living Residents may access COVID testing at the Mylin House on Thursdays from 7:00 am-12:00 pm and Fridays from 12:00 pm-2:00 pm. Appointments for testing may also be arranged.

Amenities

Please note: amenities, activities, and campus events are open for Residents only. Please review the *Weekly Insider* for event specific details. Visitors will continue to have limited access to the activities and amenities, though Residents may invite guests to their home. With a focus on the safety and wellbeing within our community, the COVID- 19 infection metrics are routinely monitored and used to guide our risk mitigation measures. These preventative measures will be in place through the end of September, at which time they will be re-evaluated.

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