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Dear Residents and Family Members

Thank you for your support and patience as we continue our pharmacy partnership to distribute COVID-19 vaccines to our community. We are looking forward to the day when our residents and team members have received both vaccination shots and enough time has passed for the recipients to receive maximum protection from the vaccine. We remain optimistic that we are collectively helping “create a wall” against Coronavirus and taking these important steps to a return to normalcy. Safeguarding our residents and team members has been our most important responsibility and will continue to be our primary focus.

We understand that everyone is eager to resume activities that we all enjoyed before the onset of the pandemic. We are too. We are currently working with public health officials and medical experts to best understand the guidance and to implement a cautious and meaningful rollout. What we do know is that the CDC instructs that the vaccine reaches maximum protection approximately 2-4 weeks after the second vaccination shot. As such, at a minimum we will continue to exercise our current precautions (physical distancing, restrictions on dining and group activities, masks, etc.) for at least two weeks following our currently scheduled final clinic date.

Dr. Fauci yesterday declared that our collective efforts against COVID-19 “is about to get better very quickly.” We can see this already in the latest data: The US peaked at 300,594 new COVID-19 cases in one day on January 8 right after the holidays. We are now down to 139,830 per day.

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html>

We are not out of the woods, but we are headed in the right direction. It looks like the end of Holiday travel and the vaccinations are having a positive effect on the curve.

Please also see an interesting article on people’s thoughts about their activities post-vaccination. There is some positive hope in the below message in terms of non-transmitability and a cautious return to movement.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2021/02/01/vaccinated-people-precautions/>

Our mission has always been to help our residents stay engaged in daily life, outside of their apartments. It is important to get all residents back to the activities we have enjoyed in the past. Socializing with friends in the Main Dining Room and the ability to enjoy that freshly prepared meal by our Culinary team will be a priority. Every community will reopen will physical distancing as done previously during

the pandemic as soon as local testing levels and local regulations allow. Post second vaccine, we will be monitoring public health determinations and local regulations to open the dining room even further as allowed and as determined safe by health experts. We are on our way.

Another priority will be to encourage greater interaction between our residents and their loved ones. Again, if approved by local authorities and the community is COVID-free, family visitation as previously allowed will continue. Post second vaccine, we will seek professional guidance and proceed cautiously in opening up the community to loved ones as soon as experts determine it is safe to do so.

Our collective efforts against the pandemic and the knowledge of the effectiveness of the vaccines are evolving in real time. We are monitoring the information daily and will continue to communicate with you regularly to update you throughout this process as we optimistically look forward to opening the community as quickly and cautiously as possible.

With our appreciation for your continued support.