



December 10th 2020

Dear Residents & Families,

Good afternoon from The Villas, we hope you are doing well. First, I want to provide an update on the COVID front here at the community. As of today, we administered community wide testing for all residents and staff. I can't say exactly when we should expect to have results back but the laboratory, we have partnered with has turned around results quickly in the past so I would expect we should have results for the community by early next week. For now though, the restrictions we have set forth with respect to dining, activities and visitation will remain in effect until we can rule out that we do not have anyone else has been infected.

Today, I also want to share with you some information regarding our plans to roll out COVID vaccines here at the community. We should feel fortunate in that the CDC and related agencies have deemed licensed assisted living facilities to be considered "Tier 1A" priorities to receive the COVID vaccine for both residents and employees. That means that we are right alongside "front line" doctors and nurses working in ICU, as well as categories such as emergency medical personnel.

For those that are apprehensive about receiving a vaccine I would like to encourage that you visit our website and look under our COVID response section, under announcements dated December 4th, we have uploaded a presentation from our Clinical Consultant Josh Allen that one, should alleviate some of your concerns surrounding the vaccine and two, will help to educate you on the vaccines effectiveness. As a clinical consultant I believe Josh to be the very best when it comes to being both credible and scholarly so I very much encourage that you take the time to listen to his presentation and make your own informed decision.

As to some of the logistics on rolling out the vaccine here at the community, my understanding is that we will have three scheduled dates where our pharmacy that we have partnered with will come to administer the vaccine. Recipients will need to participate in two of them, the vaccine is "two stage". It is absolutely critical that recipients receive both stages for the vaccine to be effective. The clinic dates will be thirty days apart. The required period of waiting between receiving the first round and the second dose is twenty-one or twenty-eight days depending on the brand.

This project will be a tremendous undertaking and will require substantial of manpower on the part of the community. We will need to obtain completed, signed consent forms from all recipients as well as insurance information.

My opinion is that the decision to take the vaccine is a personal choice, but it is a very easy decision. I have participated in several calls and presentations the last several days in which

every single expert, every person of knowledge and integrity on this subject, is resolute in stating that any individual that has the opportunity to vaccinate should do so as soon as possible unless there is a very unique personal health reason not to. We have seen on a very intimate level at this community that even with our concerted efforts to protect ourselves, it still can find its way to us and the consequences can be severe.

You likely have heard the effectiveness of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are outstanding, in the 94%-95% range. This is in the same range as the Polio and Measles vaccines, and far superior to the Chickenpox and Flu vaccines most all of us have taken. While the vaccine trials that were conducted were certainly expedited due to the crisis of the pandemic, they still were able to include over 70,000 individuals in the trials. This is by far the largest test group ever included for a vaccine such as this. And the side effects are considered to be relatively nominal.

I have included all residents and staff in the projected dose counts that I have provided our pharmacy partner. In very short order we will embark on the tasks associated with setting up our clinics. First and most important will need to get the consent forms completed and insurance information captured. We are going to assume all will take the vaccine when we come around to your apartment. Included with this letter will be some documents for you to review that include a consent form template and also a guide to completing the consent form. We will have additional copies of both available at our concierge desk, I suggest you begin completing these now and returning them to us as quickly as possible.

I will send out voice broadcasts as we close in on this process. Be ready with your insurance information. We will need a picture of the front and back of your insurance card. If you decline, there will not be an opportunity to reconsider. There just is not time or manpower for this. Again, we very much encourage you participate in this process since we have the opportunity. I can't stress enough that if you choose to not take the vaccine, we will not be able give you another opportunity to take it. This is a use it or lose it situation so be advised that once you make your decision, we will not be able to present you with a second opportunity. Thank you for your time and consideration on this, please be well and take care.

Respectfully.

Grayson Tynes
Executive Director