

Date: January 13, 2021  
To: Residents, Families, and Friends  
From: Gustave (Gus) Keach-Longo, President/CEO

RE: **COVID-19 Update**

### **The Vaccine for Caregivers**

Since The Towers' assisted living model is very different than most other assisted living communities in Connecticut, we needed to seek guidance from the CT Department of Public Health to ensure that we are in full compliance with CT's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan-Phase 1a.

Last evening, we received clarification from the CT Department of Public Health as to the definition of who qualifies to receive the vaccine as "caregivers" in a setting like ours.

Below is some of what we have learned:

An individual **CAN** receive the vaccine if:

- "People who are actively involved in providing care for residents of your facilities and supporting activities of daily living on a regular basis can receive vaccine."
- Individual who is over 75 years of age and older.

An individual **CANNOT** receive the vaccine if:

- An occasional visitor
- General volunteer
- Board Members (unless also a caregiver).

If you are planning to visit The Towers today to receive the first shot, please make sure that you meet the "caregiver" definition above. You will be asked to sign a statement affirming the same before the vaccine is administered.

### **Remember to Stay 1 "GUS" Apart**

Remember, COVID-19 cases are expected to rise next week. Please be extra careful.

**Staying Strong, Staying Safe and Staying Connected! -- Gus**