

Date: September 27, 2021
To: Residents, Families, and Friends
From: Gustave (Gus) Keach-Longo, President/CEO

RE: **COVID-19 Update**

COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shot Clinic Scheduled for October 20th

We have worked out a plan with Walgreens to offer the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine booster shot clinic on October 20th. We will share more details as we work them out, but this is what we know so far:

Walgreens will visit each resident in his/her apartment starting at around 8:30am. We do not know how long it will take, so we plan for them to continue through to approximately 6pm. Depending on the number of pharmacists available, it may go much quicker.

Walgreens will also have one or two teams in our Dining Room to provide booster shots to all individuals providing services within The Towers. To receive the booster shot, you **MUST** have received the two Pfizer shots at The Towers or are an individual who is currently performing services at The Towers and had received the second Pfizer vaccination shot at least 6 months ago (i.e. prior to April 20, 2021).

Booster Shot Mandate at The Towers

Anyone employed by The Towers or employed by an organization doing business with The Towers is now mandated to receive the Pfizer booster shot unless there is a medical or religious exemption on file; the deadline for this is October 31st. The Influenza (Flu) shot is highly recommended, but is considered optional.

Influenza (Flu) Shots

Though there is some older contradictory information still circulating, I have shared with you that we have learned about the benefits of receiving the flu shot at the same time as the COVID-19 vaccination booster shot. Therefore, we have worked out a plan with Walgreens to also offer the flu shot at the same time as the booster shots. Both shots will be administered in different locations (e.g. left arm and right arm). I believe that receiving the flu shot is still important. As soon as we had loosened up wearing masks last spring, the flu started to come back. So, please consider getting the flu shot now while it is convenient and available at The Towers.

The last pandemic (100 years ago) lasted for approximately 5 years. Unfortunately, COVID-19 is not going away any time soon. Now that we have our chance to increase our protection, let's all take these shots, for ourselves and for each other. Thankfully, we have had so few cases at The Towers. Together, with these boosters, we can do our part to keep it that way.

Staying Safe, Staying Strong, Staying Connected—Gus