

Date: October 18, 2021  
To: Residents, Families, and Friends  
From: Gustave (Gus) Keach-Longo, President/CEO

RE: **COVID-19 Update**

As a reminder, our COVID booster and flu shot clinic will be held here this Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am – 6:00 pm.

### **Residents**

Walgreens' immunizers will be on the floors starting approximately 8:30 AM. We don't know from which Tower or floor they will start. Though it can be a long day to wait, please stay in your apartment and listen for a knock on your door. If you do need to leave before they come to your apartment, you can come downstairs to the Dining Room by 5:30 pm to get your vaccination(s).

Your vaccination card will be updated after you receive your vaccination. However, our team will keep the card to make a copy for your file. We will return it to you within 2 weeks. If you need it sooner, please let your Resident Services Coordinator (RSC) know.

Many of you might not feel well after your immunization(s) – that is to be expected. Some people feel nothing while others feel like they have a mild case of the "flu." However, if you start feeling very ill with shortness of breath, dizziness or a high fever, please let our front desk know and consider calling your doctor.

For those residents on our meal plan, all meals will be delivered beginning with Tuesdays' dinner. This will last through all of Wednesday (i.e. breakfast, lunch and dinner). The Café will reopen for breakfast on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Team Members, Caregivers, Family Caregivers COVID Booster Shots**

As we informed you previously, Walgreens will **ONLY** provide COVID booster shots for those who have pre-registered.

Immunizers will be in our Dining Room for team members, caregivers and family members beginning at approximately 8:30 am and will be there until 6:00 pm. Please allow yourself at least an hour. Last time we offered 681 shots. Though we think it will be much fewer because some people already got their booster shots, we expect some waiting time. Please also remember that there is a 15 minute observation period for anyone who receives the booster shot.

## **Team Members, Caregivers, Family Caregivers Influenza (Flu) Shots**

If you **ONLY** want the flu shot, you **DID NOT** need to pre-register. You will be asked to fill out a paper consent form while in line on-site. **However, if you only want the flu shot, we were just notified that Walgreens needs to know in advance.** Please call 203-772-1816 x101 by tomorrow, Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> by no later than 2:00 pm. Please leave your name and that you only want the flu shot.

## **Booster Shot Mandate at The Towers (New Date: November 9<sup>th</sup>)**

To reiterate The Towers' policy, 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 having received the shot is moving from October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 9<sup>th</sup>. We are hearing that some pharmacies are struggling to keep up with the demand and it may be difficult to receive the shot without a long wait. Therefore, we are giving people a little more time to receive their shots if they miss our clinic on Wednesday.

The Influenza (Flu) shot is highly recommended, but is considered optional.

## **Moderna or Johnson and Johnson**

Anyone who has received the Moderna or Johnson and Johnson shots will not be required to receive a booster shot at this time.

We expect they will have booster authorization within the next couple of weeks. Once the boosters are authorized, they will become mandatory at The Towers soon after. As more information becomes available, we will update you and set a date to implement the booster mandate.

## **Staying Safe, Staying Strong, Staying Connected—Gus**