

Date: NOVEMBER 1, 2021
To: Residents, Families, and Friends
From: Gustave (Gus) Keach-Longo, President/CEO

RE: **COVID-19 Update**

Booster Shots at The Towers

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Booster Shot clinic with Walgreens. Since it was our 4th clinic, it seemed like we had it down to a smooth system! Thank you to everyone who took the Pfizer Booster and the Influenza (Flu) shots! Your dedication to our community shines through each time you show up and rollup your sleeves. I am so proud of our community!

Booster Shot Mandate at The Towers – New Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021

On October 20, 2021 the FDA gave emergency authorization for a third Moderna shot and a second dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. We know that the more “boosted” members of our community, the more protected we all are from COVID-19. Therefore, we are mandating that all individuals performing services within The Towers receive booster shots unless there is a medical or religious exemption on file.

On October 21, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also recommended these vaccinations in light of the FDA’s authorization. The CDC’s signoff makes the Moderna booster shot available to people 65 and older and those who are at increased risk due to their workplace environment – which means those of us who work for or support our residents at The Towers.



Thank You Cathy Weiss for this Great Shot

People are now eligible for the Moderna booster six months after completion of their last shot and the authorization was made for all Johnson & Johnson vaccine recipients to be eligible for a second shot two months after their initial dose.

Since we will not be offering COVID-19 booster shots at The Towers for those who received Moderna or Johnson and Johnson, we are extending the **mandate deadline from November 9th to December 1st**. This should give everyone a full month to arrange and receive their booster shots. As a reminder for those who are not yet vaccinated or haven't gotten their booster, in order to get into The Towers, you will need to provide us with a negative COVID test within the past 7 days.

We have all been working so hard to keep our residents, our team members and so many of our caregivers and family members safe. As I mentioned, I am so proud of what we have accomplished together since COVID-19 began early last year. This is just another step in everyone helping to provide a healthy and safe environment for us all.

Together We Saved Lives

A few weeks ago New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker joined us for the Ribbon Cutting of our new co-generator. I was overjoyed when during his remarks he said, "We Saved Lives" here at The Towers. Folks, he was right. Together we ALL saved lives by pulling together and doing our part for each other.

Bravo folks, bravo!



With pride, gratitude and love—thank you for being such an amazing community.

Staying Safe, Staying Strong, Staying Connected—Gus