

Date: May 12, 2022  
To: Residents, Caregivers, Families, and Friends  
From: Gustave (Gus) Keach-Longo, President/CEO  
  
RE: **COVID-19 Update**

Some of this information are repeats of my last memorandum, however it is good to refresh the information for our booster clinic on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Vaccinations Partner Change**

We are excited to partner with East Rock Pharmacy to provide the 2<sup>nd</sup> Booster Shot to our qualified residents, family, and care workers on Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am-5pm at The Towers at Tower Lane.

### **Qualification for 2<sup>nd</sup> Booster Shot**

To receive the second booster shot you must be:

- Age 50 years old or older or
- Immune compromised

If you have recently had COVID – you should be protected by the antibodies for three months. However, you will be eligible for your booster after three weeks.

There is also a waiting period after each round of vaccinations, before you can get the next booster. That waiting period can be up to 5 months.

### **If you have NOT Received the First Booster Shot**

East Rock Pharmacy will be able to satisfy any level of immunization needed, including 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Booster, or even first time immunized.

### **Type of Booster Shots**

There is good information regarding changing from one form of the COVID-19 shot to the other (e.g. Pfizer to Moderna). The reasoning is that each is slightly different and having both may offer better protection. East Rock will be offering both shots. So, feel free to choose which one you would like. If you are not sure, you may want to ask your doctor. Please speak with your doctor today or tomorrow, so that there is no delay when it is your turn to receive the shot.

### **Booster Clinic Schedule**

Two teams from East Rock Pharmacy will travel from floor to floor, and visit each resident apartment just as we have done with the other shots. One East Rock team will be located in the Dining Room from **9am to 11:30am** then from **2pm to 5pm** for caregivers, family members and team members.

### **Booster Mandates**

At this time, the second booster shot **WILL NOT be mandated** for our caregivers or team members. We continue to watch the effects of BA-2, especially the hospitalizations and mortality rates.

We still highly recommend that anyone who is eligible for the 2<sup>nd</sup> booster shot receive the shot after 4 months from the first booster shot or after having recovered from COVID-19. However, at this time we are still comfortable with it being left up to each individual to determine his/her right timeframe for another booster.

### **East Rock Pharmacy Forms**

East Rock will be billing insurance companies (primarily Medicare) for the shots. Therefore, they need to have their forms completed just before shots are given. This is similar to what we had to do when working with Walgreens. On the day shots are given, each resident, caregiver, family member or team member will be required to answer similar questions (e.g. do you feel sick) and sign the form. Our Resident Services Coordinators (RSC)s have been organizing the forms as best they can and will send forms to residents' conservators and powers of attorney (as applicable) prior to May 16<sup>th</sup>. If the Resident Services Team does not hear back regarding your family member – they may not be able to participate in this Booster Clinic.

### **Meals on May 16<sup>th</sup>**

All meals will be delivered to apartments on May 16<sup>th</sup>. This is to ensure that dining does not impede the team's ability to run the booster clinic in the Dining Room/Café spaces.

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