

To: Residents and Staff

CEO Nadira

From: Nadia N. Geigler, CEO Date: Friday, January 8, 2021

Re: COVID-19 Prevention and Protection

COVID Count

ACTIVE cases	
Residents	Staff
2	1

RECOVERED cases	
Residents	Staff
23	41+7

"+7" refers to a non-staff provider

Vaccination Facts from the CDC

Below are some short Q&As on the vaccine informed by the Center for Disease Control.

Can a COVID vaccine make me sick with COVID? No.

After getting the vaccine, will I test positive for COVID on a viral test? No. If I have already had COVID and recovered, do I still need to get vaccinated? Yes. Will a COVID vaccination protect me from getting sick with COVID? Yes. More below...

While vaccinated people can still contract the virus, remember that vaccinated people are safer with the vaccine. The CDC has said that the vaccination works by teaching your immune system how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID and this protects you from getting sick. Therefore, the vaccine is the best way to protect yourself in the event that you become exposed to the virus by someone in your home or even here at work. Please think about taking the vaccine so that you know you are in the best position possible.

For the full answers, please visit <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html</u>.

IL Resident Vaccinations

In our planning with CDPH and Walgreens, it is looking like the date for the IL residents to receive their first of two doses of the COVID vaccine will be Wednesday, January 27.

If you are an IL resident interested in receiving the vaccine...please plan on being available on this date. You will also need to have completed an informed consent form available at the screening table in the lobby. As of yesterday afternoon, 122 IL residents had already completed this step!

Staff Vaccinations

*If you received the first dose of your vaccine last week...*you will need to be available on Wednesday, January 27 to receive the second dose, even if you are not working that day. If you have questions or concerns about your availability on Wednesday, January 27, please speak to your supervisor immediately. If you cannot make it in that day, you will more than likely have to find another source for the second dose. Please remember that both does are necessary.

*If you are an employee and you did not receive your first dose of the vaccine last week...*I hope you are planning to participate on Wednesday, January 27. To receive the vaccine, you'll need to complete an informed consent. Those will be available to staff early next week – more to come on that early next week.

Planning for January 27

Our first clinic experience last week took a lot of effort by our Harbors' leadership to get everyone through with all paperwork completed, post-shot observations completed and all the other associated work. It was a big undertaking.

In all, we had 169 people vaccinated. On January 27, all 169 of those people will return for their second dose *and* we will add all the IL residents and staff who wish to participate. There is a team of people planning now for the smoothest, fastest, most enjoyable clinic day we can possible provide...but I'm also asking, in advance, for your patience on this day. We are expecting to administer about 500 doses and it will take this community working together to pull it off. Maybe come prepared with a good joke or two for the person next to you in line?

Guests and Common Areas

Please remember that all common areas, including the Bistro, are only for residents and staff. Please do not bring guests into these areas. If you have questions, please let me or Jennifer Deitelhoff know.

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