



December 30, 2020

Greetings Residents, Families and Friends:

On 12/29/20 qualifying residents and staff who signed the consent were administered the vaccination by Walgreens Pharmacists. No one has experienced any negative side effects from the vaccination. I have received some questions regarding the vaccination process so I hope to clarify some of these for you. Everyone who received the vaccination this week will receive the second dose on January 19. Residents who currently have COVID-19 and did not have the antibody infusions to minimize symptoms will qualify to receive their first vaccination dose on January 19 and the second dose February 9. We are working with Walgreens to develop a plan for residents who received the antibody infusion because they are not able to take the vaccination for 90 days. Once we have a plan for these residents we will communicate that with you.

This vaccination has brought us hope that someday, we will be able to throw open our doors and welcome families and friends with open arms. For now, we continue to run a full COVID unit and we have had a few more residents test positive this week. We are praying the vaccination will make a significant impact and we will see fewer residents impacted by this horrid virus. I have continued to update our website with the most recent COVID-19 Updates including total numbers impacted. As a reminder the website is [www.welcomenursinghome.com](http://www.welcomenursinghome.com).

Implementing and managing a COVID unit has offered its fair share of unique challenges for staff and residents. Displacing residents from their rooms is always a difficult decision and one we do not take lightly. With our COVID positive numbers rising, we have been forced to make several room changes, often at nearly a moments notice. We never imagined our facility functioning in the manner it has throughout 2020. It is at times unbelievable and incomprehensible. The staff wanted me to extend their gratitude for your understanding and support during this difficult time. We know how difficult it is to turn your loved ones care over to others, and we are honored that you chose us.

We wish you all a Happy New Year. Please celebrate small and stay safe. We are looking forward to the day in 2021 when the vaccination is available wide spread. We pray that 2021 greets you and your family with health, hope and a new perspective on what really matters in the world.

Sincerely Yours,

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