

VACCINE MEMO #2

December 10, 2020

Dear all Residents of RiverWoods Exeter, RiverWoods Durham, and Birch Hill,

As we noted last week, we will send you frequent updates regarding the vaccine process.

December 10, 2020 – What We Know Now:

- The Pfizer vaccine passed the “FDA” test earlier this week and today Pfizer met with the FDA’s independent board (Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee).
- This independent board voted tonight to recommend approval to the FDA, and we expect the FDA will approve an Emergency Use Authorization for the Pfizer vaccine imminently.
- The Governor has stated that the State of NH will receive 12,675 doses of this vaccine to begin using the week of December 21, 2020, with weekly allocations thereafter.
- Pfizer’s research and presentation to the independent board showed that the vaccine starts to provide real protection about 14 days after the first dose. This is anticipated to be 50% effective. 10 days after the second dose the vaccine is 95% effective.
- Additionally, Pfizer’s research showed that the side effects were generally mild to moderate, with fever or chills being the most likely and generally lasting about a day. There were very limited “severe” side effects (also likely to be fever or chills) and no “Grade 4” side effects (those that would require hospitalization).
- The Moderna vaccine will present its evidence to the independent review board next Thursday, December 17, 2020. We expect they will discuss similar results and will also receive approval.

- NH also expects to receive 30,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine the week of December 28, 2020.
- We have begun to receive dates for our initial vaccination clinic, which will be open to our health care residents and health care workers (Phase 1A). Those dates are not yet final, but we believe will be prior to the end of the year for at least one community.
- The Phase 1A vaccinations will be administered in our communities, by CVS. More specific details to come once the dates are confirmed.
- We will be assigned a specific vaccine for our communities (either Pfizer or Moderna) and all of our residents and staff will receive the same vaccine.
- Independent Living residents are expected to have the option to receive the vaccination “shortly after,” and we believe they will also be administered on site. If that is the case we will assist CVS with the logistical set up and consent form distribution.

We will keep you updated as we receive more information. Science is catching up. Until then, please wash your hands, wear your masks and stay healthy my friends!


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