



VACCINE MEMO #3

December 18, 2020

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

December 18, 2020 – What We Know Now:

- RiverWoods Exeter has received its initial vaccination dates from CVS. This first wave (1A) will include all employees who work in our health care units and our health care residents. The first vaccination will be given on December 30, 2020 and the second shot on January 20, 2021. This will be the Pfizer vaccine.
- We do not yet have dates for RiverWoods Durham or Birch Hill. The roll out of these vaccines is a monumental task, and the communication with CVS has been good, but not perfect. We will be ready for the RWE dates, and continue to push CVS to provide us dates for RWD and BH.
- Residents from Independent Living will be in Phase 1B. We continue to seek guidance from the State and CVS regarding a roll out of this vaccine opportunity, as well as understanding how the rest of our staff will receive the opportunity for vaccination.
- At this point in time we are communicating with our staff on a consistent basis to provide information regarding the vaccine, its efficacy and potential side effects. It is our goal to have a preponderance of our staff who meet the initial criteria receive the vaccine on our vaccination dates.
- Our approach to the employee population is to educate and strongly encourage receiving the vaccine, though we will not require vaccination. In addition, we will do all that we can to ease the administration of the vaccine for our staff, reducing that barrier for our staff.
- Today the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee voted to recommend the FDA approve the Moderna vaccine. The FDA is expected to formally issue an Emergency Use Authorization this weekend. This is good news and the State expects delivery of Moderna vaccines in the next week.

We will keep you posted as we receive more information. Science is catching up, but we need to stay vigilant. Wash your hands, wear your mask, keep your distance...and stay healthy my friends!


Justine Vogel, TRWG CEO