

VACCINE MEMO #4

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

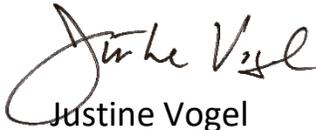
January 6, 2021 – What We Know Now:

- RiverWoods Exeter held its first vaccination clinic on December 30, 2020. 182 health care residents (skilled nursing) and staff were vaccinated. There were no side effects of note for the folks who were vaccinated.
- RWE will hold a second “first round” vaccination on January 11, 2021. This January 11 clinic will be for Assisted Living residents and staff.
- RiverWoods Durham will hold its first round vaccination clinic on January 11, 2021 for all health care residents and staff.
- Birch Hill will hold its first round vaccination clinic on January 19, 2021 for all health care residents and staff.
- “Second dose” clinics are set for 21 days after the first dose.
- Everyone who receives the vaccine waits in a “safe zone” for 15 minutes to be evaluated. The team has Epi pens on site in case there are any allergic reactions.
- Residents from Independent Living are in Phase 1B of the vaccine roll out. It does not appear that CVS will manage these clinics. Phase 1B is expected to run from January through March.
- We are actively working with the State to determine the best way to administer vaccines to IL residents. It is our proposal to the State that we host clinics for our IL residents, on site, with our teams providing the shot. The State has not yet finalized their guidance for the “how” of Phase 1B, so we will keep you updated as we receive more information.
- These clinics will be for all Independent Living residents, regardless of age.
- You will need to sign a consent form, Medicare will be billed, but you will not pay anything out of pocket for the vaccine.
- Please know that we are pushing for these clinics to happen as soon as possible, and the State epidemiologists recognize the value of quickly vaccinating seniors in congregate living. We have a weekly call with the

State on Wednesdays, so we will let you know by the end of the week if we have any more information.

- We will not have a say in which vaccine we receive (Pfizer or Moderna).
- It is important that we continue with the COVID protocols (distancing, mask wearing, small social circles, hand washing etc.) until we achieve herd immunity in the greater community, but the vaccine will keep you safer in the meantime!
- You can submit any questions you have regarding the vaccine to VaccineQs@TRWG.org. We will do a weekly Q&A Update going forward based on the questions we receive.

That is all for now. More information to come as we have it. Until then, stay healthy my friends!



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