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Dear Family Members, Loved Ones, and Team Members,

The COVID-19 pandemic has been stressful for many people, placing hardships on our Residents, families, and team members. That said, there has been encouraging news recently around potential vaccines. To restore societal functioning, immunization with a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine are a critical component of the United States strategy to reduce COVID-19-related illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths. The goal of Federal and local governmental agencies is for everyone to be able to easily get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as they are available. However, not everyone will be able to get vaccinated right away. Due to limited availability of vaccines the government has created a distribution plan in priority tiers/phases. I am happy to announce that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have included our residents and team members in the first round of our state vaccine distribution plan.

According to the West Virginia Healthcare Association (WVHCA) vaccines may be available as early as the week of December 13<sup>th</sup> with a three-week distribution cycle through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Our community is working with the WVHCA on finalizing this plan which is subject to change. We will keep you informed of all pertinent updates.

We realize many people have questions regarding COVID-19 vaccines. While much is still developing our priority is to provide you with important information related to the vaccine to allow you to make an informed decision regarding immunization. Please see the attached question/answer and fact sheet regarding the vaccination.

As always, we are here to assist you. Please review the information provided. If you wish to receive the vaccination, please contact the Concierge at Bellaire of Devonshire (304-760-5290). This includes team members and Residents. If you have additional questions regarding the vaccination, please call and ask for Wanda Haynes, RN, BSN, Director of Health and Wellness. She will be happy to assist you.

We are thankful for our team members and families who continue to provide unwavering support during this difficult time. By partnering together, we will be able to look back at COVID-19 as a distant memory.

Sincerely,

Jo Clare Hanshaw, Executive Director