



January 8, 2021

Message to Duncaster Residents and Families

Michael A. O'Brien, President and CEO

Happy New Year! Duncaster begins 2021 on a very positive note despite the chaos and unrest in our country and the Governor's announcement yesterday that Connecticut recorded its highest single day of COVID related deaths since May 20th. I am pleased to report that there have been no new COVID-19 positive cases in the Main Building since December 27th. There are still three active cases; however, they are doing well and their quarantine period will end on January 16th. At this time we still feel it's important that we are extremely proactive in maintaining restrictive measures to protect those that we serve and employ. These restrictions will be re-evaluated upon receipt of the January 7th Independent Living testing results.

Our first vaccination clinic was on December 27th for our nursing home residents and staff at the Caleb Hitchcock Health Center. 122 residents and staff received the Pfizer vaccine. All residents were vaccinated with the exception of one for medical reasons. The second vaccination clinic for residents and staff at the Caleb Hitchcock Health Center will take place on January 17th. The third vaccination clinic will be held on February 7th.

The Pfizer vaccine will be administered to Duncaster Independent and Assisted Living residents and staff in the Main Building on January 16th from 11 am to 5 pm. CVS pharmacists will be on-site to administer the vaccine to residents and staff that choose to get vaccinated. The second clinic will take place on February 6th and the third clinic will be held on February 27th. Specific details of the vaccine administration program will be sent to all residents early next week. As a reminder the Pfizer vaccine requires two doses, three to four weeks apart for maximum protection.

Today we were privileged to have a Town Hall Meeting (Zoom) with Keith Grant APRN, the Senior Director of Infection Prevention for Hartford HealthCare. Keith gave a great overview on the virus, the vaccine, vaccine hesitancy and why we should get the vaccine. Employees, Board Members and some residents were able to join the meeting today. We recorded the one-hour presentation and it is available for viewing by accessing the following link.

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Be well and be safe.

