



Memo to Duncaster Residents

Date: September 17, 2021
To: Duncaster Residents
From: Kelly Papa, Acting President and CEO
Ami Desai, COO
Subject: Updates

Flu Vaccine

Dr Kurtakoti has shared that with the flu season lasting until late March, it is best to receive a flu vaccine in late October. Nyoka Duncan RN, Duncaster's Infection Preventionist, will run flu clinics starting the end of October. The Hartford HealthCare Medical Group on the 4th floor will also give flu shots around the same time. More information with dates and times will be announced soon.

COVID-19 Boosters

The FDA will meet today to discuss and vote on the booster shots, while CDC's panel is slated to meet next week. Suffice it to say, who, if anyone, needs a COVID-19 booster shot, and when, the debate is far from settled. Boosters for older adults in nursing homes and the immunocompromised are broadly favored. But Pfizer's request for boosters for people 16 and older, 6 months after their second dose, has divided the scientific and medical communities. It is likely that all vaccinated people will need booster shots eventually.

We are awaiting clarity from FDA, Department of Health and CDC in terms of when the vaccines will be available. As soon as that is announced, we will let you know as to when the vaccine clinics will be held at Duncaster. In the meantime, if you and your doctor feel that you should get the booster, please contact Ami Desai who can give you places where they are currently being administered.

While we can enjoy some of the relaxed precautions, we must do so with an abundance of caution. The most important things for Residents to continue to do are:

1. Wear your mask, over your mouth and nose when outside of your apartment.
2. Stay home if you are sick and call the Assisted Living Nurse (ext. 5152) for evaluation.
3. If you have had a known exposure to a person positive for Covid-19, please contact the Assisted Living Nurse for a rapid test for Covid-19.
4. Follow guidance when bringing any visitors (or private duty staff) into Duncaster. Visitors should be over the age of 12 years old and either vaccinated or have had a negative PCR test within 7 days of the visit.

We hope you enjoy the weekend. Stay well, reach out with any questions.