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Dear St. John's Meadows and Brickstone by St. John's Residents:

### The Vaccine Hot Line

As you can imagine, staff members, including myself, have been receiving many calls related to the vaccine from residents. The information changes rapidly and I am learning that some of you are more current with the vaccination updates and news than I am. There is also a lot of information out there related to other communities offering the vaccination at their campuses. As of Friday, January 22, 2021, this is what I know:

- There are two other communities that were able to provide vaccines to their independent living resident population. There were able to do so because the pharmacy provider that they partnered with had left over doses at the conclusion of vaccinating their skilled nursing and assisted living facilities. Rather than return the additional doses, they were able to vaccinate their independent living residents. Unfortunately, we did not have that option available to us.

Up until this Monday, there was very little hope that we would be able to offer any type of vaccine clinic at St. John's senior living communities. However, we contacted the Health Direct, a pharmacy that manages the day-to-day pharmacy services at the Hawthorne, our assisted living neighborhood. They are willing to offer a clinic here as long as we are able to provide the supportive staffing needed to vaccinate 450 residents. I shared with them that we can and will do so. I also signed an agreement with them this morning so that we can move forward.

HOWEVER, they will have to source an already-scarce supply of vaccine and receive commitment from the state for the required number of vaccines for round one and two. Prior to establishing a clinic here, Health Direct will have to complete the other clinics they are obligated to conduct per their previous commitments, i.e. all group homes in Monroe County, as well as other skilled nursing homes.

Once Health Direct has been given the necessary vaccines and has the time available to administer vaccinations at our senior living communities, I will inform you of the next steps, including the vaccination clinic process that we will conduct here. We will address the following:

- When will the clinics be conducted?
- How do you sign up?
- In what order will the shots be given?
- Who will be administering the shots?
- When will the second shots be administered?
- Where will the clinics be conducted?
- What paperwork will residents be required to fill out?
- Will it cost anything?

**As of today, we do not have a date for the clinic;** however we are moving in the right direction. When I know, you will know. In the meantime, I will continue to recommend researching all other vaccination options and if possible

encourage you to make an appointment to get the vaccine at another source. Below are three websites that may be helpful:

- <https://www3.monroecounty.gov/health-covid19-vaccine>
- <https://www.urmedicine.org/>
- <https://www.rochesterregional.org/>

The following is a recent quote from Monroe County Health Commissioner Dr. Mendoza, "Be patient. It will take time. The process will continue to evolve."

On to other news, the keyless entry system is officially in the works for St. John's Meadows buildings. In the near future all residents and staff members of St. John's Meadows and Brickstone by St. John's will be issued a key fob to use to unlock outside entry doors. One fob will be provided if you are single and two fobs if you are a couple. These are not to be shared with anyone and we will not be issuing any key fobs for relative and friends. The expected date for all work to be completed is February 26, 2021. More information will follow.

This next item may be a bit of a shocker for you and I find it difficult to share this with you all without having sad emotions. However, here it is: Blake Irwin, building services manager, has taken a position as maintenance manager of a school system at Virginia Beach, Virginia. Blake is an avid golfer and motorcyclist and for some reason Blake finds the weather here incongruent with his hobbies. Blake's last day is February 5, 2021. Please join me in wishing Blake all the best for his next life chapter and deep heartfelt gratitude for his dedication, conscientiousness, and genuine care for our community. We will miss Blake deeply!

Brian Brownyard, the maintenance department's supervisor, will continue to oversee the day to day efforts of the maintenance team. St. John's Shared Services Vice President Bill Hollenbeck will be providing direct oversight of the entire maintenance team for St. John's Meadows and Brickstone by St. John's and will be onsite weekly.

Coffee with Paul via Zoom went well last Friday and I will be hosting another one Friday, January 29. I plan on hosting a Coffee with Paul for the Cottages, Chestnut Court, and the Briarwood on February 1, at 9:30 a.m., also using the Zoom online meeting platform. Details on how to connect will be forwarded to you by Tony next week.

I also heard this joke and thought it a bit amusing to share. Enjoy.

#### **HOW TO START A FIGHT**

*My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table.*

*I asked her, "Do you know him?"*

*"Yes", she sighed,*

*"He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since."*

*"My God!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"*

*And that's how the fight started...*

Take care and stay safe!



Paul Bartlett, Vice President of Senior Housing