



January 8, 2021

Dear Residents,

Happy New Year!

We are off to the start of what promises to be an interesting year. The topic likely on everyone's mind is when will we get the vaccine? This is the most recent information that I have:

- New York State Department of Health is in Phase 1 A, which allows for vaccination of anyone directly involved with health care. The official roll out for Phase 1 A was January 4.
- Phase 1 B includes many of you who are 75 years of age and older. However, I have very little information beyond this regarding exactly when, where, how, or who will administer the vaccine. As an independent living community, we are considered part of the public domain and not a health care facility.
- I have read that on the federal level there are efforts to encourage the distribution of the vaccine to independent living residents before the broad distribution to the public. However, no details have been provided beyond that. There are also conversations at the local level as to how to mobilize vaccination clinics to independent living facilities within Monroe County. More to follow.
- I am also aware that other independent living communities in the area are distributing the vaccine, but we have not received any official word yet from the Department of Health as to when St. John's Meadows and Brickstone by St. John's will be able to assist with vaccination distribution at our locations.
- Bottom line is that I am researching every day to learn how we can provide a clinic for the vaccination here and when I discover if and when we can do it, you will be the first to know.

It has also been brought to my attention that many of you would like to know what the COVID-19 status is as related to how many residents and staff members have recently tested positive and are under quarantine. Currently, there are 4 residents and 2 staff members who have tested positive and they are all under quarantine. I will continue to provide updates to keep you informed on this subject.

The Briarwood third phase of renovation has been deferred to later this year due to complications related to the COVID-19 virus. However, beginning in March we will be refreshing the Briarwood hallways with our internal maintenance team. This will include new carpeting, paint, hand rails, and lighting.

As 2021 begins and the virus is still a substantial health risk, I find myself continuing to question when will this all end? My estimation is that we are in the final months of this pandemic and I believe we will see a positive turnaround. We still have a ways to go and need to remain vigilant with all precautions (INCLUDING WEARING YOUR MASKS). My hope is that when the vaccines are distributed they will have a significant impact on the recovery efforts here and across the country so that we can return to our "normal" lives.

Please stay safe and stay well.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul R. Bartlett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent flourish at the end.

Paul Bartlett, Vice President of Senior Housing