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## A Message from the Executive Director

Dec. 18, 2020

Dear Residents & Family Members,

I am pleased to share with you today that residents and associates in the Asbury Solomons Health Care Center are set to receive COVID-19 vaccinations on Saturday, Dec. 26. We feel fortunate to have been scheduled this quickly, and we will actually be the first community in the entire Asbury organization to have the opportunity to receive the vaccine. I am certain we will set a good example for all!

As you may recall from our [previous message](#) on the vaccine, the CDC has developed a “phased in” approach that will begin with offering vaccines first to those who live or work in the Health Care Center as part of Phase 1. As more vaccines become available and in accordance with CDC and state guidelines, we expect additional vaccination opportunities in early 2021. We will keep you updated as we learn more.

We have partnered with CVS Pharmacy to procure, store and administer all COVID-19 vaccines. The vaccine will require two administrations approximately 21 days apart between doses.

We strongly encourage residents to receive the vaccine as it becomes available. While it is not required, getting the vaccine falls very much in line with our

approach throughout the pandemic – that we join together in doing all that we can to minimize the impact of the coronavirus.

I am excited that we are at this next step in our fight against COVID-19. As a community, we have partnered together more than ever since the onset of the pandemic, maintaining the highest regard for safety to protect each other. While availability of the vaccine represents a next step in our journey, we must continue with the precautions we have put in place – such as wearing masks, maintaining physical distancing, and continuing our screening processes – that have resulted in keeping our community as safe as possible.

We have launched a new Vaccine Information section on our COVID-19 Communications Hub at [Asbury.org/COVID19](https://www.asbury.org/COVID19). This new section includes an overview of our approach and Frequently Asked Questions. Please also reach out to [DeeDee Williams](#) or myself if you have any additional questions.

We will get through this! We are closer now than ever. We are #AsburyStrong.

Sincerely,

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