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Dear Residents, Family Members & Resident Representatives,

Asbury Communities has promoted and implemented the best evidence-based practices in mitigating the COVID-19 risk since the beginning of the pandemic. We have consistently aligned our practice with the expertise and guidance of the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC). Residents and associates have played an important role in maintaining safety and protecting each other since the onset of the pandemic. Thank you for so diligently adhering to the precautions put in place that have resulted in keeping our community as safe as possible.

We are now entering a new phase in addressing the transmission and risk of COVID-19: the use of vaccines. Currently, we are awaiting Food & Drug Administration (FDA) approval for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) of several different vaccines. We expect to receive confirmation of the EUA, along with distribution dates, in the very near future.

Asbury, in concert with the CDC, state and local health departments, will be receiving COVID-19 vaccines for administration to Health Care Center/Skilled Nursing and Personal Care/Assisted Living residents and associates at each Asbury community. We have partnered with CVS Pharmacy to procure, store and administer all COVID-19 vaccines.

Here's what we know as of today:

- The CDC has developed a "phased in" approach that will begin with offering vaccines to Health Care Center/Skilled Nursing and Personal Care/Assisted Living residents as part of Phase 1. *We understand that this phase does not include Residential Living residents, and as soon as we learn more from the CDC, state and local health departments we will share additional information.*

- CVS Pharmacy staff will administer the vaccines on site at each community. Community clinical teams will provide appropriate support.

- The vaccine will require two administrations approximately 21 to 28 days apart between doses.

- We strongly encourage residents to receive the vaccine. While it is not required, getting the vaccine falls very much in line with our approach throughout the pandemic – that we partner together in doing all that we can to minimize the impact of the coronavirus.
  - Depending on how the evidence of transmission and standards of care evolve, residents who choose not to receive the vaccine may be subject to greater restrictions in the future.

What's next:

- We expect that shortly after the FDA grants EUA, we will receive dates from CVS for the administration of the vaccine. There is a good chance that we will have relatively short notice of the dates. These dates, along with regular updates around the vaccination program, will be communicated to you in a timely manner.

- Details on each community's administration of the vaccine will be forthcoming, which will include consent forms that will be required prior to receiving the vaccine.

Just as we have throughout the pandemic, we are working closely with the leadership teams at each community as we enter this next phase in combating COVID-19. As new information is available, we will share important details with you.

Asbury has also called together a team of leaders and caregivers, which includes representation from each community, who will serve as a work group that will steward the entire vaccination program for all residents and associates.

We are excited to be at this critical juncture of being able to offer this important vaccine. I understand that you may have additional questions. We have placed a Frequently Asked Questions document under the Vaccine Information section on our COVID-19 communications hub at Asbury.org/COVID19. Please also reach out to the Executive Director at your community if you have additional questions.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

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