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This message is going to residents and family members on our community distribution list.

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Dear Residents & Family Members,

The COVID-19 vaccine rollout has begun and we are administering the vaccine here at Asbury Place Kingsport in line with the priority groups laid out by the CDC and the availability in our area.

I'm happy to report that the first group of residents and associates in our Health Care Center has had the opportunity to receive the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. We have partnered with CVS to administer the vaccine, and the process is working well for those eligible to receive it at this time.

We know that many are eager and ready to get the vaccine! I am ready to have it administered to even more people, too! Our Asbury Place Kingsport leadership team, in conjunction with the Asbury Communities Clinical and Operations Team, is in regular contact with area health authorities on the next steps and opportunities to receive it.

We must remember, however, that the CDC and state and local health departments determine the expansion of the vaccine rollout based on the priority groups and availability. We are committed to facilitating vaccinations for all residents and associates.

The county and state health departments, as well as your primary care

physician, may have additional opportunities for you to receive the vaccine on your own should you meet the criteria. To learn more, you can go to the [Hawkins County Health Department page here](#), the [Sullivan County Health Department page here](#) and the [Tennessee Department of Health page here](#). If you receive your vaccine off-site, please make Norene Shipley aware (by [email](#) or phone, 423-830-8526) so that we can accurately track and document your information.

We have information, FAQs and more on our dedicated [Vaccine Information page here](#).

As always, please reach out to Norene or me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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