



Covid 19 Vaccine Update

Dear Residents and Families,

I'm writing today because I am sure you have been following the recent developments regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. Last Tuesday evening, vaccine advisors to the CDC recommended that health care employees and residents of long-term care facilities (which includes assisted living) may be among the first to receive the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines once the FDA approves them for use. What that means for each individual Titan Senquest community will be determined in the coming days as the FDA works through its Emergency Use Authorization process and states finalize their individual vaccine distribution plans.

Ultimately the individual states will be determining how the vaccines are distributed, which will be based on a number of factors, such as the amount of vaccine a state receives, the number of health care employees and long-term residents in the state, and any individualized state needs. During Tuesday's CDC hearing, the experts recognized that even though health care employees and long-term care residents should be given top priority for vaccine administration (referred to as Phase 1a), there may be a need for "sub-prioritization" within Phase 1a if a state does not have enough vaccine to meet all of its Phase 1a needs. We expect that states will have to sub-prioritize during this process, particularly in the early stages of distribution.

After the states finalize their vaccine plans, Emergency Use Authorization is approved by the FDA and the vaccine is shipped, the question on everyone's mind is going to be "how will I get the vaccine?" As you may have read, the Federal Government has partnered with CVS and Walgreens to assist in administering the vaccine in long-term care facilities. This means that each Titan Senquest community will be coordinating with their state, and local authorities, along with CVS and Walgreens to administer the vaccine to residents and staff when it is available. Unlicensed (or independent living communities) will be included in the early stages of vaccine distribution, but where they are prioritized within that process will ultimately be up to each state.

With all that in mind, we have heard that in some areas the first round of vaccines could take place as soon as late December, and we will keep you informed as we know more specifics. As we've all learned in 2020, things can change.

There's a lot of news out there on the vaccine, but the details on deployment are still taking shape. Having said all of that, know that we will do our part and be prepared for "vaccine season." As this collective effort evolves, we'll share what we learn with you so you can stay informed beyond what you read in the news.

Even with the encouraging news about a vaccine in the new year, we cannot let our guards down or become lax in our protocols. Our goals of safety for residents and staff while also optimizing quality of life in our communities – continue to guide us moving ahead.

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Kevin Kaseff
President