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Dear Residents, Families and Responsible Parties;

This has been a very difficult year with the COVID-19 pandemic, but we are pleased to share some good news. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has found a COVID-19 vaccine to be safe and effective, and our facility will be able to give the vaccine to residents and staff. This is very encouraging news.

We will begin giving the vaccine to residents and staff as soon as they arrive at our designated pharmacy. We have chosen to go through CVS Pharmacy for vaccination administration. Currently we are working on vaccination clinic dates.

The COVID-19 vaccine will soon be available to all residents and staff. We are moving forward with our plans and will provide additional details soon. In the meantime, we need a signed consent form for CVS Pharmacy to administer the vaccine to your loved one. You can either sign the form and submit a scanned copy, or you can send an email saying you consent on behalf of your loved one to receive the vaccine. Either form of consent should be sent to ybruns@alohanursing.com. There will be no costs to get the vaccine.

We encourage as many residents as possible to get this vaccine. The elderly have a much higher risk for getting very sick, being hospitalized, or dying from COVID-19. The vaccine has been shown to provide a great deal of protection against serious illness due to COVID-19. **The more residents that get vaccinated, the better we can protect our community against potential outbreaks and save lives.**

This vaccine has gone through testing and clinical trials to ensure it meets the highest safety standards. It also is safe to get if you already had the virus. The health and safety of our residents is always our top priority, and we are confident this vaccine is a much better option than the risk of getting this virus. We are proud that we have been very successful in keeping COVID out of our facility to date. However, by receiving the vaccination it will add an additional layer of protection for our residents and staff.

We will provide you a copy of the EUA (Emergency Use Authorization) fact sheet as soon as it is released from the FDA. We will post the consent form and the EUA on our website for your convenience.

You may contact Darrin Schadel, dschadel@alohanursing.com 808-247-2220 ext. 542 or Vanessa Bruns, ybruns@alohanursing.com, 808-247-2220 ext. 536 with any questions.

Potential side effects are listed on the fact sheet. You will find that these side effects are similar to the potential side effects of the flu shot, but they occur more frequently. The vaccine requires two doses. Residents will need to get both doses to ensure the best results. The second dose will be given approximately 21 to 28 days after the first dose.

We will continue to take all necessary precautions after the vaccine is administered, including monitoring your loved one, wearing personal protective equipment and conducting testing, to ensure the safety of our residents and staff. We will also work with public health officials to determine how and when to adjust our policies for visitations and social activities and keep you updated.

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There is a light at the end of the tunnel. We are hopeful that the vaccine will be a lifesaving turning point in the fight against COVID-19. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions. You may also visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines to learn more about the vaccine.

Mahalo,

Darrin Schadel, Administrator

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