

September 30, 2021



Dear Resident/Family Member:

We are excited to announce that the CDC's Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) has finalized recommendations for COVID-19 Booster Vaccines. At this time, it is limited to **only the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine**. St. Paul's in collaboration with Absolute Pharmacy can now provide booster doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine for residents, volunteers and staff who qualify in the following approved populations:

1. **Individuals over 65 years of age**
2. **Individuals living in long-term care facilities**
3. Individuals 50-64 with underlying medical conditions
4. Individuals 18-49 with underlying medical conditions
5. **Individuals 18-64 with an increased risk of COVID-19 exposure and transmission due to their occupation (i.e. front-line workers)**

On **Thursday, October 7th**, we will begin by offering vaccines for **residents at The Villas who received both doses of the Pfizer vaccine at least 6 months ago**. This will be the first of an ongoing series of opportunities to receive the booster shot. Future dates will be announced soon.

Consent is needed from the resident or the resident's responsible person. **Attached, please find an Informed Consent for the COVID-19 Vaccination Additional Dose/Booster form**. IF you have an interest in receiving the booster vaccine, we ask that you **complete and return this consent form by NOON Monday, October 4th**. **Consents received after October 4th will be scheduled for a subsequent date to be announced**.

To return the consent forms, options include:

- Email to covid19consent@sp1867.org
- Drop the completed form off at The Villas receptionist's desk, Attention: Tammy Lininger.

Please also refer to the attached **Pfizer Fact Sheet**. The CDC also has information available on its website regarding the Covid-19 Vaccine Booster Shot at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html#FAQs>.

Individuals may have some side effects, which are normal signs that their bodies are building protection. The most common side effects are pain at the injection site, fever, and chills. These side effects tend to be mild to moderate and go away on their own within 1-2 days.

As a reminder, the best defense against COVID-19 is ensuring that all individuals receive their primary vaccine series. Boosters as well as the primary vaccine series can all be administered. If you have not yet been vaccinated and wish to begin the series, please call me to obtain the appropriate consent form.

Please feel free to call me with any questions at (724) 588-7610 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy J. Lininger".

Tammy J. Lininger, NHA
Administrator