



January 4, 2020

Dear Resident/Family Member,

Thank you for everything you do to protect yourself and others from getting COVID-19. As many of you know, residents of long-term care facilities are among those now being offered COVID-19 vaccines. Making sure residents receive COVID-19 vaccinations early will help save lives and prevent getting sick with COVID-19.

We, along with thousands of other long-term care facilities, are participating in a program with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to help us most efficiently distribute these vaccines to our residents free of charge. As part of this program, St. Paul's has partnered with CVS Pharmacy to provide on-site COVID-19 vaccinations for our residents and team members.

The first vaccination clinic is scheduled for January 13-14, and the second clinic is scheduled for February 3-4, 2021. Please understand that St. Paul's has had no input regarding these dates.

CVS Pharmacy requires consent from the resident or resident's responsible person if the resident is unable to make their own decisions. Enclosed, please find a **COVID-19 RESPONSIBLE PARTY CONSENT FORM**. We have also enclosed the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Fact Sheet for both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines as we are not certain which vaccine will be provided. **The COVID-19 RESPONSIBLE PARTY CONSENT FORM must be completed and signed and returned to us by January 8, 2021.** You can email the completed form to covid19consent@sp1867.org, fax the completed form to Attention: Robyn Weaver at 724-588-1135, or drop the completed form off at The Villas receptionist's desk, Attention: Robyn Weaver.

We understand you may have questions about the vaccine. Residents 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. We will work with CVS Pharmacy, residents and families to report any health problems that occur after vaccination to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), even if we are unsure if the vaccine caused the health problem.

COVID-19 vaccines are an important tool to help stop the pandemic. However, even after vaccination, everyone in the facility will continue following all the current guidance to protect themselves and others, including wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet away from others, following guidance on visitation and infection control, and cleaning hands often.

Please know that the safety and well-being of our team members and residents has been and will remain our top priority. We are hopeful that the worldwide, unprecedented scientific achievement of the COVID-19 vaccines will enable us to enjoy life with our loved ones again. Thank you again for all you are doing to keep yourself and your family members safe. One of our team members will be reaching out soon to determine your interest in receiving the vaccine.

Please do not hesitate to call Tammy Lininger, administrator at The Villas; Dianna Jones, administrator at The Heritage; Mickie Chapman, administrator at The Ridgewood, or Robyn Weaver, executive assistant. You can reach us at (724) 588-7610 should you have any questions.