

October 7, 2022

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jewish Senior Services Community

FROM: Andrew H. Banoff  
President & CEO

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update #124

Hello all...

First, I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year 5783!

I had not planned on sending another update until mid-month, but given the large number of cases I am writing to provide you all with a few important updates.

In the last 2 weeks, we have had more than 30 Residents test positive for COVID-19 – thus far limited to 4 households. Fortunately, none have been hospitalized overnight, and approximately half have been completely asymptomatic. The others have been treated with Paxlovid or monoclonal antibodies and are recovering. This has created new challenges for our staff as the spread of this new variant in the community is again prevalent – especially in Fairfield County.

As a result we will be re-instituting Quarantine protocols (which have not been needed since the Winter of 2020/21) and once a single Resident tests positive we will restrict access in that household for 10 days – while testing everyone in the household during that period. This decision was made in consultation with the Director of Infection Control in the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health. Common dining and activities will be temporarily suspended, and if you choose to visit, strict adherence to all Infection Control guidelines must be followed.

With regard to the new vaccine booster, we have been asked by Partners Pharmacy to collect and send them the required consents prior to them sending us the vaccine, and I am pleased to share that nearly half of the long-term care Resident population (or their designated Medically Responsible Party) have completed this process this week. We have started to receive the vaccine this week and will continue to administer them as soon as they are available. We hope to complete the consent process next week, and again will administer the Resident vaccine boosters as soon as possible to help mitigate the recent spread.

ALL people ages 12 years and older are recommended to receive the updated Pfizer or Moderna bivalent booster – per the CDC. We would all encourage you to do that as soon as possible as the Fall “wave” of COVID-19 has clearly begun.

Finally, we will be administering the Flu Vaccine to all Residents on October 18-19, and to staff throughout the month of October. While we are still wearing face coverings (masks) here at all times, the elimination of masks throughout the community will likely cause a much more significant flu season that in either of the past 2 years.

Thank you for your support, patience and cooperation.

*Stay safe and keep the faith!*  
Andrew