



A Senior Care Community

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Dear Family of Samaritan Bethany Home on 8<sup>th</sup>,

We're excited to announce that we have partnered with Walgreens to provide the COVID-19 vaccine to our residents and staff beginning Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. The vaccinations will occur on our campus.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Minnesota Department of Health have decided that residents in long-term care are in the highest priority group and they will get the vaccine first—along with our direct care staff. From what we know today, resident families and other people in the general community will have to wait for vaccinations until later in the year, when the supply of vaccines is larger.

**Here are the details of our Resident Vaccination Plan:**

- There will be no cost to you for the vaccine.
- You'll need two vaccines with 21-28 days in between for it to be effective.
- If you've had COVID-19, you should still get the vaccine.
- Some people have had a sore arm, mild aches and fever after getting the shot, but you cannot be infected by COVID-19 through the shot. These types of side-effects are more common with the first injection but not as common with the second injection. It's important you receive both vaccines.
- There will be three rounds of vaccination clinics provided by Walgreens. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> clinic is yet to be scheduled.

Team members will be calling each resident's main contact within the next day to discuss consent for vaccination. If you choose to have your loved one vaccinated, you will need to complete a consent form. The form can be emailed to you or you can pick up a form at the front desk, or in the 7<sup>th</sup> street entrance after hours. Once you have completed the consent form, please return it to the front desk by 12:00pm on December 29<sup>th</sup>. The front desk hours are 8:00am to 8:00pm Monday – Friday and 8:30am to 2:30pm Saturday and Sunday.

The news of a vaccine gives us hope for a new chapter to our fight against this virus. I am so appreciative of the support and cooperation you all have given us during these past nine tough months. Thank you for your commitment to our community. Together, we're moving toward a COVID-free future.

If you have questions, please feel free to reach out at [kberg@samaritanbethany.com](mailto:kberg@samaritanbethany.com) or 507-424-4041.

Sincerely,

Kyla Berg  
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Samaritan Bethany Home on 8th