



MEMORANDUM

TO: All Independent Living Residents
FROM: John Dwyer, President/CEO
RE: COVID 19 vaccination
DATE: January 8, 2021

We received notice yesterday that independent living resident vaccinations will be administered next Friday, January 15, to all IL residents who register to receive the vaccination. As you may recall, the vaccination process involves two shots. You will receive the first shot next Friday. The second shot will be administered on Friday, February 5.

If you wish to receive the vaccination, you must complete a CVS/Omnicare consent form and return it, along with copies of your insurance cards, as soon as possible but no later than Tuesday, January 12 at 8 pm. This is necessary to enable the vaccine administration team to know how many doses to bring next Friday and if you do not submit this paperwork by Tuesday of next week, you will not be able to receive the shot next Friday. Consent forms may be picked up from either Concierge desk during normal business hours.

What you need to know:

- A Vaccine Fact Sheet is attached with information about the Pfizer vaccine being administered.
- Any questions/reservations about receiving the vaccine should be discussed with your primary care provider. Covenant Woods cannot give you medical advice.
- After you receive the vaccine, you will be required to be observed for any potential allergic reaction to the vaccine. This will take at least 15 minutes and will be located adjacent to where the vaccination is administered. As with other vaccines and injections, the observation period is precautionary in case of an allergic reaction.
 - You will be asked if you have had reactions to other injections, which may require an extended observation.
 - The pharmacy will have Epi Pens and Benadryl on hand in case it is needed.
 - Anyone with a history of severe reactions should speak with their primary care provider in advance of receiving the vaccine.
- There is no out-of-pocket expense to you. Your insurance benefits will pay for the administration of the vaccine and the government has paid for the actual serum.
- Copies of your Medicare and other medical/prescription insurance cards are required (front and back).
- The most common side-effect after the first injection is some soreness at the injection site.
- Everyone must wear a mask and adhere to social distancing or they may be refused service.

Resources:

- Staff is available to help make copies of your insurance cards, answer questions about filling out the form, and collect your completed documents on the following dates and times:
 - Monday, January 11 in the Commons from 12 noon – 2 PM.
 - Tuesday, January 12 in the MPR from 9:30 AM – 12 noon and 1 PM -5:30 PM.
- Copies of insurance cards can be made at the Lodge Concierge during regular hours.
- You may drop off completed documents along with copies of your insurance cards to either Concierge desk during normal hours. We encourage you to place your information in a sealed envelope before you leave your residence. (Envelopes will not be provided.)

What happens if I don't get all my documents submitted before the deadline on Tuesday? Or I am not going to be on campus at all on Friday the 15th due to other appointments?

You will have an opportunity to have your first dose of vaccine on February 5. Registration for that vaccine clinic will take place later in January and is only intended for those who are not able to participate at the first vaccine clinic.

Vaccine Clinic Location

We are working with CVS/Omnicare to provide the clinic simultaneously in the MPR and the Commons. Vaccination administration will take place next Friday between 9 AM and 3 PM.

Once we have confirmation from CVS/Omnicare, we will post a schedule of time slots for residents. Times will be assigned by floor/wing and cottage road. This is being done to limit the numbers at any one time due to the need to maintain distancing and to ease the flow of foot traffic. If you choose to come outside of the slotted time for your residence, please note that wait times may be longer. CVS/Omnicare will require proper social distancing and residents may be asked to leave the area and return at a later time should the area become too crowded.