



August 26, 2021

Dear Residents and Employees,

There are no cases of COVID-19 in any residents or employees at this time. We are, however, learning about people reporting exposures to individuals from outside our community who have tested positive. This should be an important reminder of how vigilant we must be in protecting each other by following our guidelines outlined in our recent update letters.

We continue to pay close attention to the COVID-19 metrics throughout our area. The Montgomery County 14-day positivity rate was at 4.67% as of August 20th. A summary of the Main Line Health (MLH) call from this past Tuesday is as follows:

- The Delta variant is accounting for 95% of MLH admissions;
- Acute care numbers are up across the entire MLH system;
- They are seeing illnesses similar to what they saw pre-vaccine.

Great news from this past week was that the FDA provided full authorization for the Pfizer vaccine, a change from the status of emergency-use authorization, which should prompt more people to become vaccinated.

At this time, booster shots (a third dose) of the COVID-19 vaccines are only approved for immunocompromised individuals. It is our understanding that the CDC may make a recommendation for a third dose for an expanded group of people. It appears the recommendation may be for this supplemental dose to be given approximately eight months after the second dose was administered. We also are learning that you should receive the same brand of vaccine (Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson) for the booster as you received for your initial doses. Our partnership with Eric's Pharmacy is strong and they will prioritize administering Waverly Heights' booster doses based on our positive experiences in working together. We have already reserved a date with Eric's Pharmacy for a future on-site clinic, which will be communicated as soon as the booster is authorized by the CDC.

Currently, there are 99.7% of residents, 95% of Waverly Heights employees, and 97% of Waverly Care employees vaccinated. The deadline for all employees to be vaccinated is next Wednesday. We also implemented a policy a few weeks ago to only accept new residents and to only hire new employees who are fully vaccinated. On September 1st Waverly Heights and Waverly Care will be just shy of 100% staff vaccinated, as we have granted two exemptions to our mandate due to either medical and religious accommodations.

Thank you to everyone for your support with wearing of facemasks in our public spaces. We truly believe this was a big part of our success throughout the pandemic and are hopeful for the same results as we approach the fall season while dealing with the Delta variant.

As a reminder, visitors/guests must provide proof of vaccination upon check-in at the front desk in order to enter Carlton Commons. We continue to highly recommend that you do not invite unvaccinated individuals to your residential living units at this time. This includes children under 12 years of age since they cannot be vaccinated. Also, any person who is showing any type of cold symptoms should not visit our community at this time.

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Our current guidelines are contributing to creating a safe environment for our residents, employees and visitors, and we have made no changes to those guidelines this week. We will continue to provide written and video updates as needed when new information is available or if there are any significant changes in our guidelines.

As always, thank you for working together to assist managing through this ongoing challenge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas P. Garvin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial 'T'.

Thomas P. Garvin
President & CEO