



September 2, 2021

Dear Residents and Employees,

There are no cases of COVID-19 in any residents or employees at this time.

Now that our employee vaccine mandate deadline has passed we officially have 99.4% of all Waverly Heights employees and 99.5% of all Waverly Care employees fully vaccinated. This combined with the 99.7% of residents vaccinated is a remarkable demonstration of our community commitment to protecting one another. Thank you to all our residents and employees!

We have had several residents report exposures from COVID-19 positive people outside our community, so please continue to be very cautious as you interact with others. Please be sure to immediately inform the Waverly Outpatient Office if you feel you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.

The Montgomery County 14-day positivity rate is now above the 5% mark at 5.29% as of August 27<sup>th</sup>.

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Main Line Health recently sent the following information about Booster shots:

**Booster shots and additional doses: What you need to know**

There have been many questions about the need for a vaccine booster or additional doses to increase COVID immunity following initial vaccination. See below to learn more about the difference between booster shots, a third dose, and the eligibility for each.

**If you are moderately to severely immunocompromised**, it is strongly recommended that you receive an additional dose of the vaccine. Third doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccine have been approved for patients who are moderately to severely immunocompromised. An additional dose of Johnson & Johnson for immunocompromised people has not yet been approved.

Third doses can be administered as early as 28 days after a second dose and are reserved only for those with a weakened immune system who may not have mounted a full response to the initial two shots of the vaccine. If you're unsure about whether a third dose of the vaccine is appropriate for you, talk to your primary care provider. Third doses are being offered at many local pharmacies. Main Line Health is currently offering third doses at our urgent care sites.

**If you are not immunocompromised** and received the COVID-19 vaccination between six to eight months ago, you may be eligible to receive a booster shot in late September, pending FDA approval. Booster shots are meant to offer a supplemental 'boost' your immune system's initial response to the vaccine.

The FDA has not yet approved booster shots for people who are not immunocompromised. Approval is expected to be granted in mid-September. [The White House and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) recently announced that—upon approval—booster shots will swiftly be made available.

Booster Shots (Third dose) are available to be administered by Waverly Heights in conjunction with Eric's Pharmacy. If you are considered immunocompromised, we can administer the vaccine now. For non-immunocompromised individuals, we will hold a vaccine clinic very shortly after it is approved by the FDA. 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 large initial 'T'.

Thomas P. Garvin  
President & CEO