



September 14, 2021

Dear Residents and Employees,

There are no cases of COVID-19 in any residents at this time. We have had an employee and an on-site contracted employee test positive for the virus. Both individuals were fully vaccinated, therefore, these are breakthrough cases of the very contagious Delta variant. Both individuals are doing well, one with mild symptoms. While neither person worked in the Health Care Center, upon contact tracing we did identify approximately six individuals who were determined to be close contacts. After consultation with Dr. Breish and our infection control team, we have asked the impacted individuals to quarantine for 10 days from exposure.

We again want to reiterate to all residents and employees to protect yourself by wearing facemasks, social distancing, hand washing, and only surround yourself with people who are fully vaccinated if possible.

Please be sure to immediately inform the Waverly Outpatient Office (phone extension 8746) if you feel you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or if you are exhibiting any related symptoms.

The Montgomery County 14-day positivity rate is now 5.86% as of Wednesday, September 8th, 2021.

There are no additional updates on booster shots, but we have included the recent information from Main Line Health on the reverse of this memo for your reference. If you are considered immunocompromised, we can administer the vaccine now through our partnership with Eric's Pharmacy. For non-immunocompromised individuals, we will hold a vaccine clinic very shortly after it is approved by the FDA.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and patience.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Garvin
President & CEO

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Main Line Health provided 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.
