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Dear Home Again Extended Family,

Happy New Year! We hope you and your family had a great holiday season despite the limitations and challenges. What a very difficult year 2020 was for everyone.

Last week, we had the first few Home Again employees receive the Covid-19 vaccine through the Dane County Health lottery for health care providers. This week we are excited to share that we have vaccine clinics scheduled at all three of our communities!!

The vaccine allocated to us this week and our partner **O'Connell's Pharmacy** was allocated by the State of Wisconsin for health care workers only. This was not our decision and we are focused on getting both the residents and our staff vaccinated as soon as possible. The State has just provide notice that starting next week vaccinators can move on to Phase 1B which includes our residents!!

Based on additional vaccine being released to O'Connell's late this week and early next we are very optimistic that we will be able to provide vaccine to all residents and staff by the end of next week. A follow up second dose would then be administered with an additional clinic in early February.

Like with any major undertaking, the start to the clinics may have some hiccups, so we ask everyone to stay flexible and to be patient. Our team will continue to provide updates with more detailed information. We are asking everyone to be ready to receive the vaccine at any time.

Home Again has made the decision to not mandate the vaccine for employees from the start, however we are very excited that over 90% of our employee have shared a desire to receive it right away. Given the devastating impact COVID-19 can have, we are strongly encouraging all our residents to participate.

We anticipate the vaccine in our clinics will be the one manufactured by Pfizer. You can read more information about this vaccine on the CDC website, or by clicking <u>here</u>.

This marks the first major step in our ability to allow our residents to have a more normal social life in our communities. The vaccine is also the first small step in reducing our internal protective measures both in our communities and in our personal lives down the road. In the meantime, our commitment to safety through our protocols, including the added layer of testing protection, continues. The disease is still active, and we remain vigilant.

Please also find attached some common questions with answers regarding the vaccine and process.

