



**TO: Mill Street Residents & Family Members**  
**FROM: Mick Siems, Director**  
**DATE: October 18, 2021**  
**RE: COVID update; Flu & COVID booster shots**

Dear Mill Street Residents & Family Members,

As I've shared previously, COVID continues to have an ongoing presence in our community and will be with us for the foreseeable future. We've been very fortunate in that there have been very few cases of COVID within our building. However we do ask that everyone continue to do your part to help our residents remain safe – wear masks where appropriate, practice good social distancing, routinely wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer, stay home when sick, and if you have not yet done so already, please consider getting vaccinated!

With all the success we've had in keeping COVID out of our building I'm sorry to report that we did have one of our residents recently test positive. As a result we have closed our building to general visitation with Essential Caregiver and Compassionate Care visits only being allowed at this time. We completed our first round of outbreak testing earlier today with results expected later this week. A second round of testing is planned for early next week. If both the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> round of testing come back with no positive results general visitation will again re-open. If a positive result is found testing will continue until we reach two continuous weeks of no positive results. Please note that our dining and activity programming have not been impacted. We continue to serve meals in our dining room and activities are being offered on a daily basis.

Flu shots & COVID booster shot – our residents are scheduled to receive their annual flu shots this coming Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 10:00 AM. The flu shots will be administered by Clinic nursing staff in our lower-level multipurpose room. We are working with Thrifty White Pharmacy in scheduling a date for the COVID booster shot. Though no date has yet been finalized I anticipate that a booster shot clinic will be scheduled for our residents within the next several weeks.

As always, the health and well-being of both our staff and our tenants continues to be our highest priority. If you have any questions or concerns, you are invited to contact me at 218-736-8590. Thank you!