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Vaccine Clinics have begun at Christian Horizons communities

(St. Louis, MO) The Christian Horizons (CH) COVID-19 Task Force reported that its first COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics are scheduled for Monday, December 28 at The Christian Village, Lincoln, IL and Risen Son Christian Village, Council Bluffs, IA, Crown Point Christian Village, Crown Point, IN scheduled for their clinic on Tuesday, December 29 and Lewis Memorial Christian Village, Springfield, IL Thursday, December 31.

“This has been a very difficult year with the COVID-19 pandemic, but I am pleased to share some good news. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has found a COVID-19 vaccine to be safe and effective, and our communities have begun giving the vaccine to residents and associates,” said Ray Dickison, Chief Operating Officer and COVID-19 Task Force Leader.

Christian Horizons selected Walgreens as its pharmacy partner. Walgreens is administering the vaccine and responsible for providing complete management of the COVID-19 vaccination process for all Christian Horizons communities.

Walgreens has started contacting Christian Horizons communities to coordinate dates and times of clinics. A COVID-19 vaccine will soon be available to all residents. Signed consent forms are required for the pharmacy to administer the vaccine. Resident Power of Attorneys (POA) can either sign the form and submit a scanned copy or send an email to the community saying you consent on behalf of the resident to receive the vaccine. There will be no costs to get the vaccine.

The vaccine requires two doses. Residents will need to get both doses to ensure the best results. The second dose will be given approximately 21 to 28 days after the first dose.

We encourage as many residents as possible to get this vaccine. Our residents have a much higher risk for getting very sick, being hospitalized, or dying from COVID-19. The vaccine has been shown to provide a great deal of protection against serious illness due to COVID-19. **The more residents and associates that get vaccinated, the better we can protect our community against potential outbreaks and save lives.**

This vaccine has gone through testing and clinical trials to ensure it meets the highest safety standards. It also is safe to get if you already had the virus. The health and safety of our residents is always our top priority, and we are confident this vaccine is a much better option than the risk of getting this virus.

We will continue to take all necessary precautions after the vaccine is administered, including wearing personal protective equipment and conducting regular testing, to ensure the safety of our residents and staff. We will also work with public health officials to determine how and when to adjust our policies for visitations and social activities and keep you updated.

There is a light at the end of the tunnel. We are hopeful that the vaccine will be a lifesaving turning point in the fight against COVID-19. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions. You may also visit our COVID-19 Information page at www.christianhorizonliving.org/christian-horizons-covid-19-information where we will update our vaccine clinic schedule or www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines to learn more about the vaccine.

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