

Preparing for COVID-19 Vaccinations



Dear Benchmark Senior Living Residents and Family Members,
Residents and employees of assisted living, skilled nursing and other long-term care settings are among populations that have been prioritized for receiving the much-anticipated COVID-19 vaccinations.

Benchmark is pleased the CDC recommended that these groups be included in the initial round of vaccination, and that our residents and associates will be able to benefit from it soon.

Benchmark will continue to monitor and advocate on the state level to ensure that the federal recommendation is followed, as vaccine distribution is ultimately decided by each state.

Our leadership team is also working hard with our consulting physicians, as well as the Benchmark Coronavirus Advisory Council, to help the vaccination process run in a coordinated manner at each community.

This includes providing regular updates to you and your loved ones, so you better understand the vaccine and the timetable for clinics in your community. Based on what we have heard from state and federal officials, vaccinations could begin by the end of the month.

Benchmark's COVID vaccination clinics will be operated in collaboration with CVS Health, one of the COVID-19 Vaccination Program Providers selected by the federal government. We are pleased to have contracted with CVS after having recently worked with the company on a series of flu shot clinics throughout our communities.

Of course, you and your loved ones will play a critical part in helping this process run as efficiently as possible. Your community will be reaching out soon to discuss consent for the vaccine and up-to-date insurance information.

Each community will have several clinic dates, which will be set by CVS. It is recommended to sign up as soon as possible, once they are announced. The vaccine requires two doses, with the second coming 21 days after the first.

Benchmark remains vigilant in working to keep the virus from spreading in our communities. COVID-19 cases continue to increase in many of the cities and towns surrounding our communities, so we are asking our residents, families and our associates to do everything possible to reduce the risk of exposure.

For more information regarding Benchmark's response to the global pandemic, please visit the [Benchmark Coronavirus Resource Center](#).

Sincerely,



Tom Grape