

Memo

To: All Residents – District of Columbia
From: Darryl Leedom, Director of Resident Services
cc: Frank Mooney, President, Wesley Property Management; Lisa Davis, Vice President; Elayne Williams, Assistant Regional Property Manager; Site Managers; Regional Community Services Manager; Resident Services Coordinator
Date: April 7, 2021
Re: COVID-19 – Update #10

It is hard to believe we have been living with the Coronavirus pandemic for a year! From the beginning of the pandemic, your personal safety and that of our employees has been our priority. We truly appreciate your ongoing support following the 3 W's – wearing of masks, washing your hands & watching your distance – in common areas throughout the crisis.

Although many residents have been vaccinated, common building spaces will remain closed and on-site programming will be limited. We are actively looking for ways to reopen as soon as possible while following CDC and District government guidelines. We will update you as soon as we make any changes.

We can resume normal operations more quickly if more people receive the vaccine and “herd immunity” is reached. Therefore, we wanted to be sure you knew all individuals in Phase 1C Tier 2 became eligible to receive a vaccine on March 29. This group includes: 1) individuals working in non-public transit transportation (i.e. for hire vehicles, ride shares); and 2) individuals working in logistics/delivery/courier services. The city plans to extend eligibility to Phase 1C, Tier 3 workers — which includes higher education employees, construction workers, and information technology staff on April 12. In addition, all residents age 16 and older will become eligible on April 19. For a current eligibility list, please visit <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine>.

In order to receive a vaccine through the District's appointment system, you must pre-register. To pre-register, visit vaccinate.dc.gov or call 855-363-0333. For deaf/hard of hearing users, call 7-1-1. Assistance is available in English, Spanish, and multiple other languages.

Finally, please know our team remains available to assist residents struggling to meet their basic household needs, such as rent, food, utility, and hygiene. **Resources are available.** Please contact the Property Management Office, Resident Service Coordinator, or complete an online “Request for Assistance” form, available in English and Spanish, at <https://forms.gle/9jhcWUzFEu4vBKuaA>.

Thank you!

Making the Decision to Get a COVID-19 Vaccine

WHY SHOULD I GET A COVID-19 VACCINE?

We are all eager to see loved ones, travel, and reopen schools and businesses. Getting vaccinated and adhering to the 3Ws—wearing a mask, washing your hands, and watching your distance—will put us closer to achieving these goals. All available COVID-19 vaccines effectively prevent moderate cases of the infection and are extremely effective at preventing the severe disease that can lead to hospitalization and death.



IS THERE A RISK OF GETTING COVID-19 FROM THE VACCINES?

No. None of the FDA-approved vaccines contain any live COVID-19 virus. Any temporary symptoms after being vaccinated are indications that the body is building immunity. The COVID-19 vaccines were developed through unprecedented government financial support and cooperation between medical experts and the public and private sectors. Every phase of every trial was carefully reviewed and approved by a safety board and the FDA.



I'VE HEARD THE COVID-19 VACCINE HAS SIDE EFFECTS. WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

Serious side effects are very rare. Mild side effects, like soreness, headache, or fever, are signs that your body is building up protection against the virus and typically go away in one to two days. Even if you don't experience any side effects, your immune system is still building your protection against the virus. Vaccines don't generally have long-term side effects and there is no reason to believe the COVID-19 vaccine will.



WILL THE VACCINE PROTECT ME AGAINST VARIANTS OF THE VIRUS?

All of the available COVID-19 vaccines provide some protection against known emerging variants. America's leading medical experts will continue to monitor variants and vaccine efficacy. The best way to protect yourself against the virus and variants is to get a vaccine when it's available to you.

