



March 17, 2021

Dear Families, Residents, and Staff,

After a full year of this COVID-19 pandemic, we see some hope and light at the end of what has been a very dark tunnel for all of us. We had our three vaccine clinics in January and February when most of our long-term residents were fully vaccinated. Most of our short-term residents were also vaccinated depending on when they arrived and when they discharged from our center. We have been notified that starting 4-1-21, we will be able to offer the vaccine to all new residents and any staff that did not get vaccinated during our original vaccine clinics. This is truly wonderful news as we believe we are essential partners with the federal and state in eradicating this virulent virus.

With so many residents and staff fully vaccinated, the CDC and the Department of Public Health have given us guidance how to further open our doors to family members. Please note, the definition of being **FULLY** vaccinated is - **received both required doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine and it has been at least two weeks since the 2nd dose of their vaccine or it has been two weeks since you received the one required dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.** Below is how we are proceeding with their guidance:

- Visitors will continue to be screened at the front door of the lobby by having their temperature taken and being asked a series of questions regarding their health and if they have had any exposure to COVID-19.
- **All visitors will be required to wear a mask for the duration of their visit and practice good hand hygiene throughout their visit.**
- Visitors who **are not fully** vaccinated, will need to continue to schedule their visits with Fredlyne Desir by calling 617-497-0600 or emailing her at fdesir@nevillecenter.org. These visitors will be required to practice social distancing (minimum of 6 feet apart) as well as wear a mask and practice good hand hygiene throughout their visit.
- Visitors who are **FULLY** vaccinated as mentioned above, may visit their loved ones in their bedrooms, **IF** their loved one is also fully vaccinated, **and** their loved one's roommate is fully vaccinated. **Please note** – if your loved one is fully vaccinated **but** their roommate is considered in "quarantine", you may not visit in your loved one's bedroom.

- Compassionate care visits may occur as per DPH guidance.
- Visitors are not permitted to “roam” the center. For everyone’s health and safety, they will visit their loved one at a pre-determined part of the center.

We appreciate everyone’s patience and understanding as we slowly emerge from this virus. I am always available to you as is the Director of Nursing Services, Bency Punnoseby calling 617-497-0600. I also encourage you to continue to check our website at www.nevillecenter.org as it is updated daily.

We look forward to welcoming you back to our center and we encourage you to get the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you are eligible to receive it.

Sincerely,

Victor O. Emodi
Executive Director

Cc: Dr. Amanda Berling, Medical Director
Bency Punnose, Director of Nursing Services
Fredlyne Desir, Life Enrichment Director