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Dear Residents and Family Members,

We are writing to encourage you to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Despite all efforts to prevent COVID-19 in long-term care facilities, people who live in group settings may be at higher risk of coming into contact with a person infected with COVID-19 than if they lived alone or with few people. Many long-term care residents also have serious underlying health conditions, which put them at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

There are three vaccines (Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen) authorized for emergency use by the Food and Drug Administration. All three were shown to be safe and very effective at protecting people from severe COVID-19 illness, hospitalization and death. The COVID-19 vaccines may also prevent the spread of disease to others. People who have already had COVID-19 should be vaccinated to prevent getting COVID-19 again.

It is not possible to get COVID-19 from any of the vaccines. Most people have some side effects from the vaccine, including soreness in the arm where they got the shot, headache, body aches, tiredness and fever. [Side effects](#) can be unpleasant, but they usually are not a health concern and go away within 24 to 48 hours.

The resources below can guide discussions about the vaccine. If you have any questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, or if you have changed your mind after signing a declination form and would like to get vaccinated, please contact a member of our clinical team **Nicole Hyde, RN at 212-337-5600 Ext. 9510 or Remal Valentine-Miles, RN at 212-337-5600 Ext.9236**. We will arrange for our provider partner to provide the vaccine. The vaccines are provided at no cost.

Sincerely,

### **Additional Information:**

NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene:

- Vaccine web page: [nyc.gov/covidvaccine](https://nyc.gov/covidvaccine)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Facts](#) web page
- [What New Yorkers Need to Know About COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines: Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- COVID-19 Facts video (available in multiple languages [here](#))  
[COVID-19 Vaccine Facts with Health Commissioner Dr. Dave A. Chokshi](#)  
[COVID-19 Vaccine Facts with First Deputy Commissioner Dr. Torian Easterling](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- [What Older Adults Need to Know about COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Importance of COVID-19 Vaccination for Residents of Long-term Care Facilities](#)