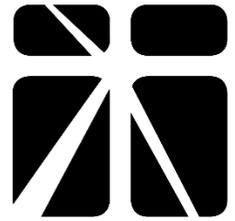


# COVID VACCINE

## *Facts | Questions & Answers*

Residents, Families & Responsible Parties

December 15, 2020



TABITHA

As Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines are slated to arrive in the next two weeks there are many questions surrounding the plans to administer it.

Below and attached find facts and frequently asked questions and answers. This is a fluid situation tied to the number of vaccines that will be made available and information and plans are subject to change. We will keep you posted.

### WHAT WE KNOW NOW:

1) **Who has been assigned by the Federal Government to oversee, supply and administer the vaccine across Tabitha?**

- Community Pharmacy (CP)
- Tabitha has a history of strong *Collaboration* with CP as they are our longstanding and trusted pharmacy provider
  - o We are thankful an organization who is familiar with our processes and that aligns with Tabitha's Purpose and Core Values will be supporting this endeavor at all of our Living Communities in both Crete and Lincoln

2) **Who will be the first at Tabitha to receive the COVID-19 vaccine?**

The vaccine will be administered in the following order. **Consenting Residents/Clients residing at Tabitha Living Community take priority.** This is also dependent on how many doses are allocated to Tabitha each time:

- Residents/Clients (Long-Term Care, Short-Stay)
- Residents/Clients (Assisted Living)
- Frontline TEAMembers meaning those working directly with Seniors
- Support staff
- While the focus is on Long-Term Care Residents, our plan is to cover ALL Residents and Clients Living at a Tabitha Living Community

3) **Do I need to provide consent to have the vaccine administered?**

- Yes, a written or verbal consent must be obtained for the Resident/Client no later than Monday, Dec. 21 in order to ensure proper vaccine quantities are available
- This consent serves to reserve the doses of the vaccine needed

C O U N T D O W N T O C O V I D V A C C I N E

- 4) **May the vaccination be declined by the Resident/Client? What are the consequences?**
- Our sincere hope is that all will see the benefit and agree to be vaccinated; if you have specific concerns, please feel free to reach out to your/your love one's primary physician
  - We will determine next steps on a case by case basis
- 5) **As a family member/responsible party for a Tabitha Resident/Client, am I am able to get a vaccine through Tabitha?**
- No, Tabitha will only be allotted vaccines for Residents, Clients and staff
  - More information will be coming out from governmental health agencies on next steps of vaccination
  - Please consult your health care provider with questions regarding your personal vaccination
- 6) **When will Tabitha's first COVID vaccines be administered?**
- Tabitha's first rounds of vaccines will be provided via three different clinics to all those who have provided consent, they are currently slated:
- o #1: Monday, December 28-29 Times (TBC) First Dose
  - o #2: Monday, January 18 Times (TBC) Second Dose
- 7) **Will ALL TEAMembers be vaccinated too?**
- Yes, pending enough vaccines are received the plan is to vaccinate all Tabitha staff (Note: while highly encouraged, it is not mandatory that staff receive the vaccination)
  - Frontline staff, directly serving Seniors will be the first staff to receive the vaccination
- 8) **Will ALL TEAMembers be vaccinated at the same time?**
- No, staff will be vaccinated in a staggered manner, the first half will begin the vaccination process at the Clinic #1, the other half at the Clinic #2
- 9) **What area of the community will Residents be vaccinated?**
- All Residents/Clients will receive vaccines in the comfort and convenience of their suites/apartments
- 10) **What area of the body is the vaccine given?**
- In the upper shoulder/deltoid
- 11) **Who will actually administer the vaccine?**
- Familiar Tabitha TEAMembers will work alongside Community Pharmacy staff
- 12) **If I am a Short-Stay Client at Tabitha and receive my first dose of the vaccine and then discharge, how do I get my second dose?**
- We would remain in touch and advise you as to when to return to complete your vaccination and get your second dose.

- 13) **When Residents/Clients get the first vaccination, do we need to follow COVID safety protocols that have been put into place over the past year? What about after my second vaccine?**
- For the unforeseeable future our behavior surrounding COVID cannot change
  - It's important as ever to wear a mask, social distance and practice hand hygiene
  - Screening will continue for all those who enter Tabitha buildings and/or perform work elsewhere on behalf of Tabitha
  - Think of this as they very first step in getting us out of the pandemic
- 14) **Will I be billed for the vaccine?**
- No, costs for the actual vaccine are covered by the Federal Government
  - Costs to administer the vaccine will be covered either by Federal Government or your insurance
- 15) **Please see important information from Community Pharmacy regarding the vaccine.**

**It's important to view this as the beginning of the end...but not the end.** Experts forecast this winter to be one of the most challenging health care periods in our history. The vaccine is great news but does not come in time to change the trajectory of the spread that is already in motion and will continue until the vaccine takes hold.