

February 9, 2021

Dear Residents of RiverWoods Exeter, Birch Hill and RiverWoods Durham,

The exciting reality of vaccination clinics has begun, with RWE's first clinic on February 3rd, Birch Hill's on February 9th, and RWD's coming on February 12th.

That is awesome, and the clinics represent our first step in the long journey back to "normal." As much as we would like to snap our fingers and have the vaccine end the pandemic, we do still need to think of this as a journey; one that may take a while. We expect consistent progress, but no overnight changes. To that end, a few things to note:

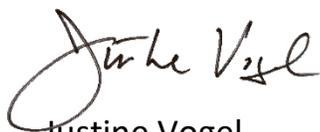
- Getting your first shot is great, and is DEFINITELY something to celebrate, but you will not achieve your "95% immunity" protection until **14 days after your second shot**. For those of you without a calendar handy, that is March 10 for RWE, March 16 for Birch Hill and March 19 for RWD. So, remember keep your small social circle when you are having your celebratory champagne!
- Masks are still a very important part of protection, for you and others, and they will be for the foreseeable future. Please remember to wear them over your mouth and nose.
- Our health centers are the regulated side of the communities. Changes in operations and visitors in those areas will be a product of guidance from Medicare, the CDC, and the Department of Public Health.
- The Executive Directors are working on the "reopening plan" for our communities. You should expect more information in mid- March, knowing that operational changes in our communities will not occur until April 1 at the earliest. This will allow your vaccination to hit its peak immunity level, will allow more of the outside world to have an immunization opportunity, and will allow the federal and state agencies to issue their guidance for us to review and implement.

- Many of you have already asked about travel and quarantine after vaccination. We will take our lead from the CDC and the state on this, but at a minimum no changes will occur until 14 days post your second shot.

You can expect that we will “reopen” in a very gradual way, trying to stay safe and smart at a time when there is a lot of good news about vaccines, but still a lot of unknowns.

We have been at this nearly a year (crazy right!?!). Hang in there, give us time to work through the details and absorb the guidance, and give your body time to build up immunity. We will do everything we can to bring the safest, most “normal” life to you as soon as we can. More to come as we move into March.

Until then, stay healthy my friends!



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