

Prairie Senior Cottages

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Dear Cottage Family,

We are happy to share that we have completed our second vaccination clinic. Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 is one of the best ways to protect long-term care residents and caregivers from COVID-19. This vaccine gives us hope for the future. A successful vaccination program is a huge step forward in beating the COVID-19 pandemic.

While this is a momentous occasion that marks the next chapter in our fight against the virus, it is just the beginning of a conversation about reopening long-term care settings. We have not received word from State and Federal regulators about any updated guidance or changes to the current safety protocols.

At this time, the CDC recommends that we continue to follow all current infection prevention and control recommendations, regardless of vaccination status, as they continue to gather additional information about the vaccine's effectiveness in preventing and transmitting COVID-19. Until we receive updated guidance from State and Federal regulators, infection control practices and the safety protocols must remain in place. In the meantime, we ask that everyone, even those not connected directly with long-term care settings, continue to wear a mask, wash your hands, don't touch your face when you're out, and stay home if you're feeling sick. These measures will help keep the positivity rates low and allow long-term care settings to employ safe and socially distanced visitation for residents.

We ask for your patience as we continue to do all we can to ensure residents and staff remain healthy in our settings. We encourage you to review the options for safe and socially distanced visitation between residents and their loved ones.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact your cottage director or me at 320-841-0701. We will notify you as soon as any visiting guidelines have changed.

The COVID-19 vaccine gives us hope for a new chapter in our fight against this virus. I am so appreciative of the support and cooperation you all have given us during this past year. Thank you for your commitment to our community. Together, we're moving toward a COVID-free future.

Sincerely,



Becky Holmgren
Chief Operating Officer
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"Everyone here is someone's hero"