



December 18, 2020

Dear Friends and Family,

California's positivity rate continues to rise. We are currently at 11.6% for the last 14 days and 12.8% for the last seven days. It is likely the positivity rate will continue to rise as we move through the holiday season. Eskaton owned and managed communities have also experienced an increase in positive tests over the past two weeks. As of today, we have 109 individuals (66 staff and 43 residents) in the 10-day isolation period spread over 15 of our 34 communities and services. While this upward trend is discouraging, we have a bright ray of hope in the recently approved vaccines!

The first shipment of the Pfizer vaccine has arrived in California and was delivered to hospitals and contracted pharmacies on Tuesday. An additional shipment of nearly 400,000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine is due next week. The Moderna vaccine is also expected to arrive soon.

Several of our communities have already been contacted to begin the process of scheduling vaccine clinics over the next few weeks. Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require 2 doses to be fully vaccinated with each dose approximately 21-28 days apart. These vaccines are not made from live vaccine and as such, they do not cause a person to become infected with COVID-19. The vaccines have the possibility of mild to moderate side effects, such as fever, fatigue, headache, chills, or body aches following vaccination; however, these resolve within 1-2 days of onset and do not indicate the person has the virus.

More information, including the specifics of how, when, and where residents and staff will be receiving the vaccine, will be forthcoming and communicated to you as soon as we have those details. We ask that every employee and resident strongly consider receiving the vaccine not only for themselves, but for their families, co-workers, and friends. The release of the vaccines is a promising beacon that signals a turning of the tide and eventual victorious end to this fight against COVID-19! However, we must continue with our current protocols of face masks, social distancing, and disinfection protocols for some months more to minimize continued spread of this virus. Please reach out to your community leadership should you have further questions regarding the vaccine or other mitigation strategies in place.

We hope for a joyous and safe holiday season for everyone. We wish to thank each one of our residents and their friends and family for their support and understanding as continue to battle this virus together.

Thank you! You make a difference!

Eskaton Management