

## Memorandum

To: Independent Living Residents, Families, and Team Members  
From: Steve Fetyko, President and CEO  
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Subject: COVID-19 Vaccine Administration in Independent Living Areas

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After many long months of waiting, we have been informed the COVID-19 vaccine is on its way! Pending final FDA approval of the vaccine, the very first Michigan residents will be able to begin receiving their doses before the end of December.

This is wonderful news! Many of us long to share hugs, welcome our families, and bring our smiles out from behind our masks, and receiving the vaccine is a critical step to that day. And the timing couldn't be better. As we flip our calendars to 2021 and begin to look forward to the new year, this vaccine brings with it a great deal of renewed hope.

There are still some details yet to be determined as our state and federal public health officials work to bring the COVID-19 vaccine to people across the nation.

Our preliminary understanding is CVS will vaccinate people in care areas first. This includes Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living residents, as well as all team members who work in these areas.

We expect our Independent Living residents and team members will also be near the front of the line, but alternative vaccination plans will be developed at the state level for those residents, potentially through local health departments or store-front pharmacies. Our hope is most, if not all, of our community can receive the vaccine during Phase One.

For more information about Phase One of vaccine distribution, the [plans outlined by MDHHS](#), and other important information, please visit [www.umrc.com](http://www.umrc.com) or [www.porterhills.org](http://www.porterhills.org).

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## COVID-19

As always, we offer our sincere gratitude to the team members and residents whose responsible actions have helped us take care of one another during this challenging global crisis. Working together, we have weathered this pandemic in ways that have been truly extraordinary. The arrival of this vaccine marks the beginning of the end of our shared hardship and the beginning of a new era at UMRC and Porter Hills.

While we work toward all being vaccinated, please remember to support our community by following the below recommendations:

- Screening and monitoring your visitors
- Screening yourself daily for sign and symptoms of COVID-19
- Reaching out to your Primary Care Physicians immediately with any possible exposure to or signs or symptoms of COVID-19
- Wearing a mask when in common areas
- Practicing physical distancing and good hand hygiene

Thank you for your support. We will provide updates regularly. Please direct COVID-19 questions via email to [covidinfo@umrc.com](mailto:covidinfo@umrc.com) or call 734-412-4009.