

Dear Century Park Family,

As you know by now, two COVID-19 vaccine manufacturers—Pfizer and Moderna—have announced filing with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). FDA hearings will be held to review EUAs on December 10 for Pfizer and on December 17 for Moderna. Operation Warp Speed estimates that the first wave of vaccines—6.4 million doses—will be delivered in mid-December and will be almost exclusively for health care providers. Additional doses will be available at the back end of the month, and we've heard ranges of enough to vaccinate 12-23 million people by the end of December. Vaccine quantities will be distributed on a pro rata basis comparable to state population, and the U.S. military will use the same distribution process used for distribution of flu vaccines, leveraging existing networks, processes, and partnerships.

### **ACIP VOTE & RECOMMENDATION**

On December 1, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), which serves in an advisory capacity to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), voted (13-1) to recommend that residents and staff of long-term care facilities be prioritized in Phase 1a; this includes assisted living communities. (Should shortages be reported, a subprioritization would rank skilled nursing facilities just above assisted living.) ACIP's final recommendation will go to the director of the CDC for approval before becoming official CDC policy. Additionally, ACIP suggested staggering vaccinations of staff from similar units or positions and to plan ahead for possible absenteeism for staff experiencing symptoms following COVID-19 vaccine doses. [You can review the ACIP presentation here.](#)

Century Park Associates with your continued support has advocated with our partners, NCAL and Argentum for months for vaccine prioritization,. We are extremely pleased to see that ACIP recognized the critical importance of vaccinating our residents and staff.

**All our communities are registered to receive the vaccination.** We ask that you do the following:

- Visit your state's Department of Health website to review COVID-19 vaccine plans, which should be finalized by **December 4**.
- Discuss with your family the benefits of taking this vaccine in an effort to care and protect our residents.
- Residents will receive vaccinations as part of the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program administered by Walgreens. Staff may still receive vaccines when clinics are administered to your residents if they have not received them previously.
- We have engaged with a selected long-term care pharmacy partner to begin a process for obtaining consent forms for the vaccination of residents. Communities will be in contact to obtain consent through legal guardians where needed.

- Century Park will be distributing educational materials when they are available to educate staff and residents on the efficacy of the vaccine.

Our teams will be attending webinars on the latest details to date and will provide actionable insights. We are grateful for your continued partnership a with Century Park community.

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