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**Re: COVID Update**

Dear Residents,

Well, COVID is not yet behind us as we are beginning to see the impact of this next wave and once again have COVID cases in our midst.

We have had a couple of residents as well as a couple of staff recently contract COVID but are grateful that symptoms seem to be mild. Both residents and staff are taking the necessary precautions and staying isolated as required.

**No Restrictions Planned**

As well, you will have noticed that several activities were cancelled this week due to COVID precautions. These cancelations are not due to the COVID cases among our residents and staff but due to the fact that the volunteers and activity facilitators themselves have COVID or have been a close contact. Please know that there is no intent to put restrictions on group activities, outings, visitation or eating in the Dining Room.

It is inevitable that we will have more cases as this latest variant is even more transmissible than the last. But thankfully the symptoms seem to be less severe. So, we will continue to do what we can to mitigate the spread within Shalem.

For this we need your help:

- If you are feeling unwell for any reason, please stay in your suite!
- If you think you may have COVID, a rapid test is available from the Front Desk and will be administered for you. Please call the Front Desk to arrange.
- If you have been in a situation where you have been in close contact with many people, please consider wearing your mask in common spaces.
- Please sanitize common spaces after use with the cleaning supplies made available.

Additionally, our staff will continue the enhanced sanitization while visitors and staff will continue to wear masks.

### **Vaccination Clinic**

Plans to have another vaccination clinic at Shalem for the 4<sup>th</sup> shot are underway. We are not certain of this timing so if you have the opportunity to get your shot another way please do so. Once we know the details, we will put up sign-up sheets for those still needing this additional booster.

Thank you for your on-going diligence! We've got this! We will continue to do what we are doing and know that God is on the journey with us.

And Spring is here (in spite of the snow falling outside right now...!). And with that we can anticipate the hope of new life and new growth.

Blessings to you all!



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