



January 4, 2021

Dear Residents & Family Members,

We are committed to keeping you well informed of updates and changes with the impact of COVID-19 on our Friends House community. Please see the chart below for our current numbers related to positive COVID-19 cases for both residents and staff. These numbers are reflective from the very start of the pandemic.

We continue to test staff twice a week and residents once per week. Additionally, we screen all staff before they report for their shift and screen residents daily for symptoms of COVID-19. We act quickly when staff and/or residents test positive.

**Vaccine update:**

Our first vaccination clinic date will be Monday, January 18, 2021. This will be for residents and staff on the health care units. The vaccination is comprised of a series of two shots, with the second shot scheduled for February 8, 2021.

We will let you know when our next clinics will be assigned to us.

We will not directly receive a supply of the vaccination. Rather, CVS pharmacy will bring the vaccine to Friends House and administer it during these scheduled clinic days. Residents and staff must complete consent forms and provide copies of insurance cards in advance of the CVS team clinic. Over the course of the next couple of days we will ascertain the residents and staff who choose to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.

The vaccination is available at no cost to residents and staff. CVS will charge each individual's insurance plan for any clinic or vaccination administrative cost. These vaccinations are for residents who reside in the Health Care buildings and Friends House staff.

More information about the vaccination will follow as we receive it. Please check the Friends House website often for updates.

We will continue window visits at least for the next two weeks. If you would like to schedule a window visit, please call the front desk of Stabler Hall during regular business hours to schedule a time, or feel free to request a Skype or FaceTime call. The number is 301-924-7531. If you would like to schedule a window visit or FaceTime call for a resident who lives in Haviland Hall (Assisted Living), please call 301-924-7518.

The added cost of testing and additional personal protective equipment has placed a heavy burden on communities like Friends House. Some have asked how they can help. If you feel so inclined and would like to contribute to helping our team during this time of the coronavirus, please contact Anne Derby at 301-924-7510 or [aderby@friendshouse.com](mailto:aderby@friendshouse.com), or go to this link: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/Giv3>.

Our latest results since the beginning of COVID-19 are: (As of January 4, 2021)

	#Positives	#Deaths	#Returned to Work	#Became Negative	#Still Positive
Healthcare Residents	31	6	N/A (not applicable)	25	0
Staff	32	0	32	N/A (not applicable)	0

We will update the COVID-19 section of our website as new information is available.

We appreciate your continued support and understanding. We continue to work with The Maryland Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and local health departments in monitoring the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus.

Please remember that the virus has not gone away, even after the initial rounds of the vaccination have been administered, so it is still important to remain vigilant and continue to wear masks, practice social distancing, and washing your hands.

Stay Safe,  
Friends House Management