

- Will we still need to wear masks after the booster?

Yes, we will still mandate everyone to wear a mask until further recommendations from the CDC.

- I have a strong opinion, does that matter?

We value our team and resident's opinion and understand that some are worried. We would like to share a statement from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) on the new COVID-19 vaccines:

***“Receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good.”*** With the consequences of not having the vaccine meaning more individuals severely sick and more deaths, especially in our setting at St. Camillus.

The health and wellbeing of each of you, your families and all of the residents and clients of St. Camillus are extremely important to us all. We realize this year has been a year of many sacrifices but we must do our part so we can all be safe and have a better 2021.

- Will I have to get a vaccine even though I have tested positive already?

Due to the severe health risks associated with COVID-19 and the fact that re-infection with COVID-19 is possible, people may be advised to get a COVID-19 vaccine even if they have been sick with COVID-19 before.

At this time, experts do not know how long someone is protected from getting sick again after recovering from COVID-19. The immunity someone gains from having an infection, called natural immunity, varies from person to person. Some early evidence suggests natural immunity may not last very long.

We won't know how long immunity produced by vaccination lasts until we have a vaccine and more data on how well it works.

Both natural immunity and vaccine-induced immunity are important aspects of COVID-19 that experts are trying to learn more about, and CDC will keep the public informed as new evidence becomes available.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/vaccine-benefits/facts.html>

- Will we get a card or token or something indicating we've been vaccinated?

Yes, per WI COVID-19 Vaccination Playbook: “Provide a completed COVID-19 vaccination record card to every vaccine recipient/parent/legal representative.” [https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/downloads/COVID-19-Vaccination-Program-Interim\\_Playbook.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/downloads/COVID-19-Vaccination-Program-Interim_Playbook.pdf)

- How credible is the vaccine?

All COVID-19 vaccines were tested in clinical trials involving tens of thousands of people to make sure they meet safety standards and protect adults of different races, ethnicities, and ages, including adults over the age of 65. There were no serious safety concerns. The most common side effects were pain at the injection site and signs and symptoms like fever and chills. After a review of all the available information, ACIP and CDC agreed the lifesaving benefits of COVID-19 vaccination for LTCF residents outweigh the risks of possible side effects.

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- How many people got the vaccine?

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- A lot of us are on lots of medication. Where can we check to see if any are in conflict with the vaccination  
You should talk to your doctor about this. There are no known medication interactions with the vaccine.
- It has been recorded that it is possible there might be a side effect to the vaccine and that Tylenol is recommended to counter the side effect should it occur. Will San Camillo have Tylenol available (to purchase) for residents if needed?”  
The Bluemound Market does have Tylenol for sale.
- If we get the 1<sup>st</sup> shot will there be assurance that we will get the 2<sup>nd</sup> shot on time?  
Answer: It is more important to get the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose AFTER the recommended waiting period, vs exactly on time or early. The vaccine is most effective if the 2nd dose is given after a minimum period of 14 days, depending on the manufacturer. <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/downloads/slides-2020-12/slides-12-12/COVID-03-Mbaeyi.pdf>
- If 3 drug companies are making the vaccine, how did they each come up with their formula? Are they the same? Which one is best?  
There are actually hundreds of companies now making the vaccines, but only a few have been approved at this time for emergency use. There are 3 main types of vaccines, that work through different methods to cause an immune response. Each vaccine that has been granted emergency use authorization has similar effectiveness results and similar side effects. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/how-they-work.html>
- “The system used for the flu shot worked well—i.e.: assigned time, etc.”  
San Camillo will organize the vaccination day very similar to the flu shot clinic.
- “Will we have to sign up for a vaccination appointment? Where will the vaccine be given? The Wellness Center?”  
The vaccinations will be given in the O’Donnell Room. Residents will be asked to sign up, more details will be announced as we know more.
- “After vaccination is completed, allow only vaccinated people to Daily Mass and Communion in person. Those who were not vaccinated should attend by watching it on TV.”  
We are encouraging all residents to receive the vaccinations. Although we cannot require residents to receive the vaccine, we can educate everyone on the necessity of the vaccine to combat COVID.
- “Two residents have advised me NOT to have the new vaccine—they commented ‘what will happen to me after receiving it five years down the line?’ I don’t like negative remarks—how should I answer them?”

The following is statement from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops: “In view of the gravity of the current pandemic and the lack of availability of alternative vaccines, the reasons to accept the new COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna are sufficiently serious to justify their use, despite their remote connection to morally compromised cell lines. Receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good.” Beyond this powerful statement, everyone should be reminded that one American is dying every minute from COVID-19.