



MEMORANDUM

To: Vinson Hall Retirement Community Staff Members, Residents, Family Members, Contractors and Volunteers

From: Libby Bush, CEO, Rick Bova, COO/CFO and Lisa Desmond, Senior Director of Clinical Operations

Subject: COVID-19 Updates and Reminders

Date: September 3, 2021

As we welcome a new month, here is a list of updates and reminders related to COVID-19. To note, we continue to closely monitor the surge of COVID-19 variant infections across our country.

- Fairfax County is now at 5.9 percent according to the Virginia Department of Health's COVID-19 test positivity tracker. This percentage indicates substantial spread of the virus in our community.
- The total VHRC campus-wide vaccination rate for residents remains at 99.4 percent. As of last Friday, August 27, 94 percent of all VHRC staff are vaccinated.
- We continue to have no detected, or positive, COVID-19 cases of staff or residents on campus. We do have one detected staff member who is vaccinated and who has been off campus for an extended period of time. This staff member will not return until Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines have been met regarding return to work.

- We continue to test Arleigh Burke Pavilion, The Sylvestery, Health and Wellness, all Resident Care Associates and transportation staff members monthly. Other staff members are tested randomly.
- VHRC's clinical team continues to monitor information regarding COVID-19 boosters. As of today, no official recommendation from the CDC or the Food and Drug Administration about vaccine boosters has been made. We have made the Fairfax County Health Department and our pharmacy partner, CVS, aware that we would like to be a site for mass booster vaccination clinics. Currently, both of these entities are also awaiting government approval and recommendations for a COVID-19 booster dose. If you would like more information about a booster or third shot, we recommend you talk with your healthcare provider about whether getting an additional dose is appropriate for you.
- If you are travelling anywhere at this time, please remember to practice good infection control practices, listed below, whether you are vaccinated or not. For more information, here is a link to the CDC website about travel:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-risk.html>

As a reminder, here are critical infection control practices and requirements.

1. Wear a mask over your nose and mouth in all indoor VHRC public areas. Staff members are required to wear a mask at all times when in public, including when in resident apartments or rooms. All individuals are advised to wear a mask in public, regardless of vaccination status.
2. Continue to maintain at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) of space between you and anyone unfamiliar to you.
3. Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer (with at least 60 percent alcohol).

Please know we will continue to update you as appropriate. In the meantime, take good care, especially as we learn more about how highly transmissible and significant these variant infections can be.