

December 11, 2020

Dear Family Members,

Samaritan's Long Term Care facilities, Samaritan Summit Village and Samaritan Keep Home, have been working in collaboration with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to deploy a vaccination program for the new COVID-19 vaccine. The program, administered by Walgreens, will vaccinate any residents and staff in our nursing homes who wish to receive it. We do not yet have a date; but communications with Walgreens suggest it will begin in the coming weeks. Therefore, we are sending out this information to families so you can assist your loved ones in making an informed decision.

Included are materials regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and a copy of the consent form to be completed by the resident. If the resident does not have the capacity to complete this form, their healthcare proxy should complete it for them. We will begin discussions with our residents and staff this week and collect all consent forms in the coming weeks.

If there are any questions or concerns about this vaccine or the decision, we ask that you reach out to our leadership team at the following numbers or be sure to gather information from the World Health Organization (WHO) and CDC websites.

**Samaritan Summit Village:**

- Kathy Zeltmann, DON: 315-782-7004 (Primary Contact)
- Mike Smith, ADON/ICP: 315-782-7178 (Secondary Contact)

**Samaritan Keep Home:**

- Kathie Rivers, RN: 315-785-4410 (Primary Contact)
- Donna MacPherson, RN: 315-785-4429 (Secondary Contact)

Stay Safe,



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