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Dear Sholom Tenants, Residents and Family Members,

The promise of a vaccine is finally here! We're excited to announce that CVS Health is gearing up to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine very soon. We expect to start residents and staff vaccinations some time before the end of the year. As soon as we have the specific dates from CVS Health, our pharmacy partner, we will communicate that information to you.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Minnesota Department of Health have decided that residents in Sholom Home West, Chapman Sholom Home East, Roitenberg Assisted Living, Hodroff Pavilion for Memory Care, Bentson Family Assisted Living, Philips Center for Memory Care and Menorah Plaza are in the highest priority group and they will get the vaccine first—along with all of our staff. From what we know today, resident families and other people in the general community will have to wait for vaccinations until 2021, when the supply of vaccines is larger.

Here are the details of our Resident Vaccination Plan:

- There will be no cost to you for the vaccine. There is an administration fee for the injection that will be billed to your insurance or the state of Minnesota.
- You'll need two shots with 21-28 days in between for it to be effective.
- If you've had COVID-19, you should still receive the vaccination.
- Some people have had a sore arm, mild aches and fever after getting the injection, but you cannot be infected by COVID-19 through the vaccination. These types of side-effects are more common with the first injection but not as common with the second injection. It's important you receive both injections.

We have prepared a Frequently Asked Questions document to help you understand more about why the vaccine is so important in defeating COVID-19. If you have other concerns, please me and let me know how I can help.

Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 is one of the best ways to protect yourself and everyone around you, particularly those who are at increased risk for severe illness. You will still be required to wear masks and practice physical distancing to help reduce your chance of being exposed to the virus or spreading it to others, but these measures are not enough. Please see [FAQs](#) for further information. Vaccines will work with your immune system, so it is ready to fight the virus if you are exposed. Getting this vaccination will not only protect you from being infected; it will help us take a big step towards ending this pandemic.

The news of a vaccine gives us hope for a new chapter to our fight against this virus. I am so appreciative of the support and cooperation you all have given us during these past nine tough months. Thank you for your commitment to our community. Together, we're moving toward a COVID-free future.

Sincerely,

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Interim Ackerberg Campus Administrator

Andrea Krebs, LNHA
Shaller Campus Administrator

**Rossy and Richard Shaller Family
Sholom East Campus, St. Paul**

Shirley Chapman Sholom Home East
Bentson Family Assisted Living Residence
Jay & Rose Phillips Center for Memory Care
Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Apartments
David Feinberg Vitality & Aquatics Center
Roitenberg Family Adult Day Center

**Sholom Home Care
Sholom Johnson Hospice Agency**

Twin Cities Metro Area

**Norman and Lisette Ackerberg Family
Sholom West Campus, St. Louis Park**

Sholom Home West
Knollwood Place Apartments
Roitenberg Family Assisted Living Residence
Leo & Doris Hodroff Pavilion for Memory Care
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