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VP/Administrator and Chief Long Term Care Officer

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Dear Resident and Resident Representative:

Bergen New Bridge Medical Center remains committed to updating our residents and representatives regarding any new COVID-19 updates. Today, the Food and Drug Administration, in conjunction with CDC, approved the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination for anyone over 65 years of age or at high risk for severe COVID-19.

In anticipation of this approval, we had put a plan in place to ensure that all our residents who received the Pfizer vaccine would get the booster in a timely manner once the approval announcement was made. In order to move forward with the booster, we will need a sign consent. We do anticipate Department of Health guidance on this coming in the next few days, however, I assure you that we are ready and prepared to administer the booster shots. I have included as an attachment to this email a copy of our consent form for you to sign for your loved one, if he/she is not able to sign on their own behalf. If you are able, please sign and email back or drop off during a visitation. If you are unable to email or drop off, feel free to contact me so we can talk about other ways to ensure we get this completed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at 201-967-4004 or via email krichardson@newbridgehealth.org. I continue to encourage all of you to remain safe and healthy, maintain proper hand hygiene and good infection control practices. If you haven't already, we encourage everyone to get vaccinated and are here to help you do so.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Richardson, LNHA
Chief Long Term Care Officer