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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 regularly. In the past 24 hours, there has been one staff member who has tested positive for COVID-19 as part of our weekly surveillance testing. This non-direct care staff member has been removed from duty and will only be returned once appropriately cleared by a physician. There have not been any positive resident results.

We received our LTC COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic dates where CVS will be at our facility to vaccinate our residents and employees with the Pfizer vaccine. Our clinic dates are as follows: January 6, 9, 15, 20, 27, 30 and February 5, 2021. This program includes the initial and follow up dose which occurs 21 days after the initial vaccine dose. Please anticipate a discussion or phone call, for those residents who cannot make their own decisions, from one of us at Bergen New Bridge early next week to discuss vaccine options and next steps for those who choose to receive the vaccine. The COVID-19 vaccine remains optional but strongly encouraged for all those residing and working in long term care facilities.

We understand the sacrifices and challenges the last 9 months have been for our residents and their friends and families. We truly appreciate your patience and understanding as we all have navigated through this unprecedented time. We truly hope the vaccine is the beginning to the end of this dark tunnel we have all been in together. I wish all of you a very Happy Holiday and for the very best for everyone in 2021.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns at 201.967.4013 or krichardson@newbridgehealth.org. I continue to encourage all of you to remain safe and healthy, wear a mask, maintain good hand hygiene and practice social distancing. As a reminder, visit our website at <https://www.newbridgehealth.org/covid-19-testing/> for information on COVID-19 testing for you or a loved one.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Richardson, LNHA
Chief Long Term Care Officer