



Katie Richardson
VP/Administrator and Chief Long Term Care Officer

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Dear Resident and Resident Representative:

I wanted to share that we are so excited to have started our COVID-19 Vaccine distribution today to our staff and residents. We had a very successful day with over 150 vaccines given to both staff and residents and we look forward to our next vaccination date on Wednesday, January 6. We are contacting everyone for our upcoming dates in the next several days so please expect a visit or phone call from our staff. The COVID-19 vaccine remains optional but strongly encouraged for all those residing and working in long term care facilities.

We continue to 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. Today was a very exciting day for Long Term Care at Bergen New Bridge Medical Center and we thank all of you who received your vaccines and those who will receive in the upcoming vaccination days.

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.

Happy New Year to you all!

Sincerely,

Kathryn Richardson, LNHA
Chief Long Term Care Officer