

FRIENDS HOME IN KENNETT - 1/15/2021

VACCINE CLINIC INFORMATION

- The vaccine will be offered to all staff and residents. Written consent is required, and the forms will be supplied by CVS. The vaccine is not mandatory for employment or residency, but it is highly recommended that all staff and residents receive the vaccine
- The Friends Home in Kennett is distributing the new COVID VACCINE policy with next week's paycheck
- The vaccine we will be receiving is the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid 19 Vaccine. This is a Nucleic acid vaccine that delivers genetic material into the cell which is then translated into a protein-usually the S protein. The vaccine does not contain a live virus
- The Pfizer vaccine did receive Emergency Use Authorization for administration last December. Although the timeline of the vaccine studies was shorter than during traditional situations, the volume of individuals involved in the studies was greater than traditional vaccine studies. Over 43,440 individuals were involved in the study.
- Efficacy of the Pfizer vaccine is 95% after completion of both doses. Vaccine efficiency after one dose is 52.4%. It is very important individuals take both doses. It may take up to two weeks following second dose for maximum immunity.

VACCINATION ADMINISTRATION

- CVS personal will be coming to the FH to administer the vaccine
- The vaccine needs to be stored at extremely cold temperatures. CVS is responsible for the storing, administration and reporting of all vaccinations at the FH.
- CVS will be billing the recipient's insurance but there will be no charge to the individual if insurance is not available or does not cover the vaccine. The cost will be covered by either insurance or government programs.
- The vaccine is given in 2 shots preferably 3 weeks apart. The second dose must also be the Pfizer vaccine

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE VACCINE

- Must be 16 years of age or older
- Individuals who were previously infected with the COVID virus or recently exposed can safely receive the vaccine. Persons with active symptoms of COVID will be deferred until symptoms subside.

WHO SHOULD SPEAK WITH THEIR DOCTOR PRIOR TO CLINIC DATE

- Pregnant and lactating woman
- Individuals with a severe or immediate allergic reaction to a previous vaccine or injectable medication
- Individuals with certain immune compromising condition
- Individuals on anticoagulants medication

I will be holding several meetings next week in each department to discuss the vaccine procedure and answer anyone's questions. Families can reach out to me directly with any questions or concerns.

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