

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Daughters of Sarah Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Families and Residents  
**FROM:** Mark L. Koblenz, CEO  
Daughters of Sarah Senior Community  
**DATE:** December 10, 2020

Please note that, within the past 24 hours, we have learned of a few additional cases of the Coronavirus at the Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Three (3) new residents have tested positive. All of these residents have been transferred to our COVID unit.

Additionally, 5 staff members have likewise received positive test results. As with other staff who receive positive results, these members are now isolating at their homes.

We are extremely pleased to note that one of the residents who tested positive for the virus earlier has recovered, and has transitioned off the COVID unit. As of now, there are 39 residents remaining on the COVID unit.

You have undoubtedly heard the news relative to the pending approval of a vaccine for the virus, and the intention of New York State to offer it first to nursing home residents. We are excited to be able to add a vaccine to the tools we have to address the contagion.

We are working closely with our pharmacy partners regarding the roll out of the vaccine program. We do anticipate that there will be fact sheets and consent forms for those residents and their healthcare representatives who want to receive the vaccine. As information becomes available to us, we share what we learn with you.

We are very appreciative of the trust and confidence you have continued to place in our staff, and the patience you have exhibited as we work through the complications of the pandemic.

As tonight marks the first night of the Chanukah holiday, we extend this prayer - that may the beginning of this Season of Lights illuminate our path to a recovery and a return to normalcy.