

SPRAIN BROOK MANOR
REHABILITATION

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Dear Residents and Families,

We have all been anticipating the news of a COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine has been approved for distribution to healthcare workers and residents in long term care by the FDA .

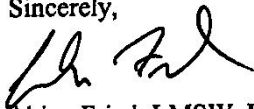
By learning this news, we understand that some of you may have concerns about the vaccine because of how quickly it was made, tested, and will be distributed. We want to assure you that each safety step involved in making a vaccine was followed. The U.S Food and Drug Administration have carefully assessed the vaccine, ensuring its efficacy and safety by testing it on tens of thousands of people. In addition, two independent advisory committees of experts from academic institutions have also been observing this process to insure the vaccines safety.

CVS pharmacy will be supplying and administering the vaccines for Sprain Brook Manor staff and residents. Most COVID-19 vaccines will require two separate doses which will be given three to four weeks apart. We are working with the Center for Disease Control to efficiently distribute the vaccine free of charge for our residents.

Like most vaccines, it will work by helping the body to create antibodies to fight off the virus. Clinical trials have shown that it is normal to experience some short-term side effects, especially after the second dose. Some possible side effects include headache, muscle pains, fatigue, chills, and pain at the injection site. **Please be aware that this vaccine cannot and will not give you COVID-19. If you experience discomfort after, it means that the vaccine is working and creating antibodies. All our residents will be closely monitored after receiving the vaccination for any possible adverse reactions.**

We encourage you to contact us at the facility if you have any questions regarding the COVID-19 vaccination, its distribution process, and any other concerns you may have about the vaccine. We hope this vaccine will eventually lead you to enjoy quality time with your loved ones again. Thank you for your support throughout this hard year. We hope you understand keeping our staff and residents safe has been and will continue to be our top priority at Sprain Brook Mano Rehab. We will be reaching out in the near future to those of you actively serving as a health care proxy or surrogate for your loved one to discuss the consent and administration process. Please look out for further communications and information in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,



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Administrator