

January 21, 2021

Dear Lorien Residents and Families:

I'm writing to share updated information about the State's phased program to distribute COVID-19 vaccinations and also about the status of Lorien's own work to safeguard our residents and staff. As you know, the vaccination requires two shots which are being given on separate days, as explained below.

This week, Maryland entered Phase 1B of its COVID-19 vaccination distribution plan, which includes assisted living facilities. Accordingly, Harmony Hall Assisted Living is now scheduled for its first day of COVID-19 vaccination on 1.31.21. All other Lorien communities have successfully completed the first day of COVID-19 vaccination clinics. Currently, 87% of Lorien residents and 53% of Lorien employees have received their first dose. In addition, I'm happy to report that the following Lorien communities have also completed the second day of COVID-19 vaccination clinics: Bel Air, Columbia, Taneytown, and Elkridge. We are encouraged by the participation levels on these second clinic days and we will update you when all Lorien facilities are completed. Statewide, as of today 4.368% of Maryland's population has received the first dose and .511% has received the second dose of the vaccine.

Governor Hogan announced last week that Maryland will be entering Phase 1C for individuals aged 65 to 74 on Monday, January 25. For your convenience, more information on who qualifies for the vaccine in each Phase, including 1B and 1C, can be found here: <https://covidlink.maryland.gov/content/vaccine/>. Also, Dr. Jinlene Chan, Maryland's Acting Secretary for the Maryland Department of Health, has announced that Maryland has received a significant supply of a new COVID-19 treatment from the federal government available on a daily lottery basis. This treatment includes two types of monoclonal antibody infusions that have potential benefits for certain patients who have tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19. Early data for these therapeutics suggest that they may reduce the risk of hospitalization for people at high risk who have tested positive for COVID-19 and have only mild to moderate symptoms. If you have questions or believe you or a loved one qualifies for this treatment, please contact the facility Director of Nursing.

As you may know, some healthcare and frontline workers across the country are experiencing hesitation about the vaccine. Lorien continues to support our staff in addressing their own concerns. In this regard, we hosted a live Q&A session last week with Lorien Bel Air's Medical Director, Dr. Madai Chardon-Borrero. In addition, I also addressed our team and explained how I came to the decision to receive the vaccination based, in part, on clinical data showing a very low reported rate of serious side effects, less than 0.5%, and a high efficacy rate of 95%. In addition, I shared my decision that the benefits of getting the vaccine far outweighed the risks. I want to be able to see my sons, daughters, and grandchildren again, without fear. I also hope that our residents and team members will be able to enjoy life within the Lorien buildings again, also without anxiety and restrictions. Thank you for your continuing patience and understanding and for helping us encourage our Lorien team!

Sincerely,  
Lou Grimmel Sr., CEO

#### #LorienArmsOut



I'm honored and feel privileged to receive this vaccination.

LOU GRIMMEL  
CEO, LORIEN HEALTH SERVICES

