



February 24, 2021

Dear Residents & Family Members,

We are committed to keeping you well informed of updates and changes with the impact of COVID-19 on our Friends House community. Please see the chart below for our current numbers related to positive COVID-19 cases for both residents and staff. These numbers are reflective from the very start of the pandemic. Since the last update, we had one staff member test positive for COVID-19.

**Vaccine update:**

Our third clinic will be held on March 1, 2021. We plan to administer the second vaccination for a combination of 55 residents and staff

The vaccination is available at no cost to residents and staff. CVS will charge each individual's insurance plan for any clinic or vaccination administrative cost. These vaccinations are for residents who reside in the Health Care buildings and members of the Friends House staff.

If you would like to schedule a window visit, please call the front desk of Stabler Hall during regular business hours to schedule a time, or feel free to request a Skype or FaceTime call. The number is 301-924-7531. If you would like to schedule a window visit or FaceTime call for a resident who lives in Haviland Hall (Assisted Living), please call 301-924-7518.

The added cost of testing and additional personal protective equipment has placed a heavy burden on communities like Friends House. Some have asked how they can help. If you feel so inclined and would like to contribute to helping our team during this time of the coronavirus, please contact Anne Derby at 301-924-7510 or [aderby@friendshouse.com](mailto:aderby@friendshouse.com), or go to this link: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/Giv3>.

Our latest results since the beginning of COVID-19 are: (As of February 23, 2021)

	#Positives	#Deaths	#Returned to Work	#Became Negative	#Still Positive
Healthcare Residents	31	6	N/A (not applicable)	25	0
Staff	41	0	40	N/A (not applicable)	1

We will update the COVID-19 section of our website as new information is available.

We appreciate your continued support and understanding. We continue to work with The Maryland Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and local health departments in monitoring the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus.

Please remember that the virus has not gone away, even after the initial rounds of the vaccination have been administered, so it is still important to remain vigilant and continue to wear masks, practice social distancing, and wash your hands.

### **Other News:**

The other day we discovered a singular bug on one of the resident's bed that was unoccupied and neatly made up. This bug was immediately secured into a Ziploc bag and a photo was sent to our contracted exterminating team. They confirmed it was a bed bug. Rest assured we have taken all precautions to clean the room involved and thoroughly assess the residents in the room and found no signs of contact with the bug.

Our expert exterminating team has treated the area and the housekeeping/laundry team has cleaned and washed all items in the room that could harbor such a bug. This incident has been reported to our local health department for further guidance. When the exterminating team arrived at the facility, they examined the targeted room and other adjacent rooms and found not further issues.

This is an issue we are taking very seriously and will be monitoring closely with residents and staff.

Stay Safe,  
Friends House Management