

The  
**RIDGEWOOD**  
*AT Shenango Valley*

**RESIDENTS, FAMILIES and TEAM MEMBERS OF THE RIDGEWOOD AT SHENANGO VALLEY**

**December 29, 2020**

**RE: COVID-19 VACCINE**

Within the past few weeks, news about Covid-19 vaccinations has become more prevalent and they have already begun to roll vaccinations out throughout the country including Pennsylvania. We are very excited about this news knowing that the vaccine is a means to the end to this pandemic. The vaccine does not provide us with immediate and complete relief but it does begin the process.

Although there continues to be a lot of unanswered questions about the vaccine for all of us, today we want to share what we do know.

Our dates for vaccinations have not yet been confirmed. The process for vaccinations is federally run and CVS Pharmacy will be administering our vaccines. The vaccine is a two-step process with 21 days between doses. Residents and team members receiving the vaccine must receive both doses. CVS's vaccination process for The Ridgewood at Shenango Valley is not completely defined at this time.

In the meantime, we want to provide you with materials that will hopefully answer questions you many have about the vaccine. We have posted to our website <https://www.rwsv.org/contact/covid-19-updates> a PowerPoint "COVID-19 Vaccine: Answers to Your Questions" and "Questions and Answers about the Covid-19 Vaccine for PA LTC Staff, Patients, Residents and Family Members."

At this point, the vaccine is not mandatory. However, we believe this is our best next step to getting back to life as we know it at The Ridgewood at Shenango Valley. We hope that you take time to read these resources thoroughly to learn about the vaccine before you make your decision about being vaccinated. We know that there is countless information available and ask that you be cautious and only read from reputable sources. At the end of each of these documents there are websites listed for your reference.

We will keep you updated with any new information about the numbers of vaccines we will receive, who will be on the final list to be vaccinated, and any additional education information we receive that may help address your questions.

We hope you join us in this initiative as an early adopter with one goal in mind – keeping yourself, your family and our team members safe and healthy! Should you have any questions, please reach out to Robin Knight, VP of Personal Care.