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An Update on Our Response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19):

This week is an exciting week at Pelican Valley Senior Living as we began COVID-19 vaccinations for residents and staff at our Care Center campus. The vaccine gives us hope for a new chapter in our fight against this invisible virus.

Minnesota Department of Health is using a phased approach to prioritize the vaccine for vulnerable populations. Long-term care residents and staff are in the first priority group. Residents and staff at Riverfront Manor and Riverfront on Main, are scheduled to receive the vaccine next Thursday, January 14th, contingent upon supply. You can learn more about MDH guidance on phased approaches at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/phase1aguide.pdf>

Pelican Valley Senior Living will continue infection prevention and control practices, while following the most current visitation guidance from the state, even after vaccinations are administered.

As of Wednesday January 6th, 2021, our current cases include:

- Care Center: No active cases. Visitation reopened January 4th.
- Riverfront Manor: 1 active case. Visitation closed.
- Riverfront on Main: 1 active case. Visitation closed.

We are pleased to have recently reopened indoor visitation at Pelican Valley Care Center and encourage loved ones to schedule their visit through our online booking tool accessible on our website at pelicanvalleyseniorliving.org > *Reservations and Communication*. All visits require the stringent adherence to all precautionary measures, including screening and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE).

We will continue to evaluate our indoor visitation status each week at Riverfront Manor and Riverfront on Main. There are specific criteria and recommendations that must be met to safely offer visitation with loved ones in our building. This includes but is not limited to the current status of COVID-19 in our building, and in our county, as well as other clinical and safety risk factors.

We closely follow all recommendations from various health agencies, including Ottertail County Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Minnesota Department of Health, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services among others.

The Minnesota Department of Health, has set up a free hotline for anyone who has questions about Coronavirus (COVID-19). Call the MDH hotline at: 1-651-201-3920. We will continue to provide updates to you to keep you informed of our ongoing work. **Please note: This is a fluid situation and updates are in continuous development. Help us keep family and loved ones informed by visiting our website:** <https://www.knutenelson.org/covid-19-coronavirus-updates>

*Health agencies providing recommendations to us include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, World Health Organization, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, local medical advisors and public health advisors among others.