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Dear Residents and Families –

NH long term care facilities will begin receiving the COVID-19 vaccine in the coming weeks. While we anxiously await notification of our designated vaccine dates, we ask that you review the important information enclosed, including the consent to receive the vaccine, reply envelope and vaccine information. Please ***complete and return the consent at your earliest possible convenience***. This will enable us to promptly implement this important tactic on the war against the virus. For your convenience, you may choose to reply using the envelope provided or fax the completed consent form to us at (603) 286-4242.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is the vaccine approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Additional vaccines may be approved by the FDA in the coming weeks. We will keep you informed as we receive new information.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) online resource center contains a great deal of COVID-19 vaccine information including: benefits, different types, ensuring safety and effectiveness, and other frequently asked questions. Visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/.

As a reminder, we invite you to participate in weekly online or telephone information sessions about the NH Veterans Home (NHVH). Shared updates include information about the vaccine distribution, the COVID-19 pandemic, our outbreak, and the NH Veterans Home in general. If you haven't already, please contact our Public Information Officer, Sarah Stanley, at (603) 527-4425, sarah.stanley@nhvh.nh.gov, to receive a meeting invitation for these sessions on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend at that time, you are welcome to receive a copy of the written questions and answers that will follow each session. In the interim, we remain open to your questions; call or email Sarah Stanley.

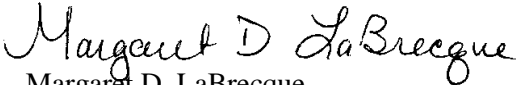
Our outbreak status updates continue to be shared on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/nhveteranshome); these updates are also shared on the weekly online/telephone information sessions.

It is so encouraging to see recuperation from the virus. As of today, 40 residents and 76 staff have recovered; 14 residents and 18 staff currently have the virus. Our thoughts are with the families and friends of the 36 residents who have passed. They are missed by us all in the NHVH family.

We are appreciative of the National Guard providing nursing team members to assist us during this challenging time. Our staffing levels are improving as affected staff members continue to recover. The NHVH continues to hire both permanent and part time employees. Hiring healthcare professionals is a constant challenge, pandemic or no pandemic. We are thankful that long term strategies to increase the supply of healthcare workers in New Hampshire has been one of Governor Sununu's initiatives.

The information, guidelines and recommendations surrounding the pandemic continue to be a fluid situation. If you would like more information on COVID-19 in NH, visit www.nh.gov/covid19. For the latest CDC information, visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures