Subject: Important Information Regarding Upcoming Respiratory Viral Season, Vaccination and Treatment Recommendations

Dear [Family Name],

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones in good health and high spirits. As we approach the upcoming respiratory viral season, we wanted to reach out and share some crucial information regarding the well-being of our cherished residents at [Nursing Home Name].

The health and safety of our residents remain our top priority, and as part of our commitment to providing the best possible care, we would like to emphasize the importance of vaccination and treatment against influenza, and COVID-19.

With the changing seasons, respiratory viruses tend to become more prevalent, and our vulnerable residents may be at an increased risk of complications. Vaccination has proven to be a highly effective measure in preventing severe illness and reducing the spread of these viruses within our community.

1. Influenza (Flu) Vaccination: Influenza can lead to serious health complications, especially for older adults. Getting vaccinated against the flu is a proactive step in safeguarding the health of your loved ones. We will be organizing on-site vaccination clinics, and we strongly encourage all residents to receive their flu shots.

2. COVID-19 Vaccination: Receiving recommended vaccination against COVID-19 remains a critical tool in preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and, most importantly, protecting the lives of our residents. We will also be offering and administering the approved 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine during the organized on-site vaccination clinics and continue to encourage all residents to receive these vaccines as recommended.

We understand that you may have questions or concerns about the vaccines, and we are here to provide information and address any inquiries you may have. Our dedicated staff will be available to guide residents through the vaccination process and ensure their comfort and well-being.

Enclosed you will find the corelating consent/declination forms for both Flu and COVID-19 vaccines. Please review the information sheets (links provided at the bottom of letter) and return the signed consent/declination back to the facility as soon as possible.

In addition, should any resident exhibit symptoms of respiratory illness, our healthcare team is well-prepared to provide prompt and appropriate care. Early detection and intervention are key components of our strategy to manage and limit the spread of infectious diseases.

We are including a pre-consent form for flu and COVID treatments to be completed and returned to reduce any delay in care. By signing the pre-consent for treatment, please understand that it does not guarantee treatment, as there may be precipitating factors that disqualify them from treatment at the time of illness. As always with any change of condition, you will still be provided immediate updates about your loved one if they were to become ill.

**Information Links**

COMIRNATY® (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) by Pfizer: [COVID-19 vaccines by Pfizer-BioNTech | Official Site (covidvaxoption.com)](https://www.covidvaxoption.com/)

Spikevax® (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) by Moderna: [COVID-19 Vaccine Info for Consumer and Healthcare Providers (spikevax.com)](https://spikevax.com/)

Influenza Vaccine: [Vaccine Information Statement: Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (cdc.gov)](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/flu.pdf)

Paxlovid® (COVID-19 antiviral treatment): [PAXLOVID™ (nirmatrelvir tablets; ritonavir tablets) For Patients](https://www.paxlovid.com/?cmp=e5a7e3b5-6f21-4f9a-8560-89b4fc5cf66b&ttype=QRC&gclid=EAIaIQobChMInpmQuMOqgQMVTubjBx0VKgaTEAAYASAAEgJa3vD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds)

Lageviro™ ((molnupiravir) COVID-19 antiviral treatment): [Information for Patients | LAGEVRIO™ (molnupiravir)](https://www.lagevrio.com/patients/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Molnupiravir+HCC_2022+Branded+-+Overlap_BRND_ENGM_EXCT_NA&utm_term=molnupiravir&utm_content=General&utm_kxconfid=ut5vrhsig&utm_brand=molnupiravirconsumer&gad=1&gclid=EAIaIQobChMInP_VvcSqgQMVNBWzAB0H3wZxEAAYASAAEgJ3GvD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds)

Tamiflu® (influenza treatment and prophylaxis): [Tamiflu® (oseltamivir phosphate) | Prescription Flu Treatment](https://www.tamiflu.com/)

Xofluza® (influenza treatment and prophylaxis): [What is XOFLUZA® (baloxavir marboxil)?](https://www.xofluza.com/about-xofluza.html?c=cap-18462953c4e&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI-L6C6saqgQMVl_yUCR0VKwxtEAAYASAAEgLO3PD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds)

Your collaboration in this effort is invaluable, and together, we can create a safer and healthier environment for everyone at [Nursing Home Name].

Thank you for your ongoing trust and partnership in the care of your loved ones.

If you have any specific questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to reach out to our [Contact Person] at [Contact Information].

Wishing you and your family continued good health.

Warm regards,

[Administrator Name] [credentials] [Contact Information]

[Medical Director Name] [credentials] [Contact Information]

[DON Name] [credentials] [Contact Information]

[IP Name] [credentials] [Contact Information]