**POST COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC – TALKING POINTS AND MESSAGES**

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**GENERAL STATEMENT**

We are pleased to share that we have completed our [first/second/third] vaccination clinic. Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 is one of the best ways to protect long-term care residents and staff from COVID-19. This vaccine gives us hope for the next chapter in our fight against COVID-19.

The rate of vaccine acceptance among our residents is high, and we continue to encourage staff to increase the protection of all within our community by getting a vaccine as soon as possible. We continue to share information, offer support and reassure individuals who may be hesitant to be vaccinated. They are encouraged to discuss their vaccine concerns with their primary health care provider to determine if the vaccine is right for them at this time.

Since so many in our community have been vaccinated against COVID-19, we believe the risk of virus transmission in our setting can be balanced with increased visits with fewer restrictions as permitted by state and federal regulations. We are taking all the necessary and required measures to protect our residents and staff while we provide a safe opportunity for meaningful social connections.

**Talking Points:**

* We are happy to announce we have completed our [first/second/third] vaccination clinic.
* Of those living in our setting, [percent of residents vaccinated]% of residents chose to be vaccinated. [Percent of staff]% of those working in our community chose to be vaccinated.
* We are pleased at the rate of vaccine acceptance among our residents, and we continue to encourage staff to increase the protection of all within our community by getting a vaccine as soon as possible.
* We continue to share information, offer one-on-one support and reassure individuals who may be hesitant to receive vaccination. Individuals are encouraged to discuss their concerns with their primary health care provider to determine if the vaccine is right for them at this time. [Share specific steps you have taken to combat vaccine hesitancy.]
* A successful vaccination program is a huge step forward in beating COVID-19 and allows us to open our doors to more visitors with fewer restrictions.
* We ask that everyone in our surrounding community, even those not connected directly with long-term care settings, continue infection prevention and control practices—wear a mask, wash your hands, don’t touch your face when you’re out, stay home if you’re feeling sick. These measures will help keep the positivity rates low and allow long-term care settings to employ safe and socially distanced visitation for residents.
* The COVID-19 vaccine gives us hope for a new chapter to our fight against this virus. We are appreciative of the support and cooperation from our community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.
* Vaccination rates in long-term care settings are steadily improving as more vaccinations become available and as more people receive factual information to address their initial concerns.