

## **Vaccinations for HACM Residents**

As the eligibility for vaccinations has expanded to include members of the general public (first 65 and older, then those with chronic health conditions, and now 16 and older), HACM has promoted information about vaccinations to residents for each major change via mailings, flyers/posters, automated phone messaging, digital signage in buildings, and the HACM website.

Beginning on 2/1/21, the first day of eligibility for those 65 and older, we began to coordinate bus transportation with the Milwaukee Health Department when they had extra open slots for vaccinations. Dr. Nick Tomaro of the Health Department has been extremely helpful in helping to arrange both slots and buses, for both the first and second shots for all who received Pfizer or Moderna vaccines. Many resident organizations and resident leadership were extremely helpful in this effort, especially Timothy Counce, President at Lapham Park.

We also began to promote vaccinations at other sites as they opened up (e.g., Progressive Community Healthcare opened to persons that were not current clients, and we promoted at Hillside; Bader Foundation/Shalem Healing walk-in clinic). Lutheran Social Services helped coordinate onsite vaccination clinics at several highrises through Life-Changing Pharmacy. Our focus now will be to coordinate onsite clinics at both senior/disabled and highrise developments, as we believe more residents will participate if it is held at their location.

To date, we have assisted at least 208 residents in receiving vaccinations (see list of events below which does not include the trip for the second vaccination).

During our outreach, we encountered many residents who preferred to obtain vaccinations from their own doctor or just stated that they were not interested in vaccinations. While a resident's choice to have the vaccine is voluntary and optional, we have put out CDC information on the vaccines to ensure that residents have the facts on safety of the vaccine. MICAH, one of our partners, is working with local churches around a campaign to promote vaccination. We are finding more residents become interested over time as they know family, friends or others that have the vaccination or if they hear it from another trusted individual.

Due to regulations such as HIPAA, neither the health department nor any other healthcare organization will share information regarding vaccination. In addition, many residents do not want to share that information with either resident organizations or HACM. We have used the numbers of residents that HACM helped to obtain the vaccination and have included the detail below. We will continue to brainstorm innovative ways to collect additional vaccination information (anonymous surveys, etc.) so that we can include those who were vaccinated on their own.

**Vaccination events:**

2/1 and 2/2/21	Bus from Lapham Park	Health Dept-Wisc Center	47
2/4/21	Bus from Lapham Park	Health Dept-Wisc Center	12
2/4/21	Bus from Arlington Court	Health Dept-Wisc Center	26
2/25/21	Bus from College Court	Shalem Healing, 3338 N. MLK	19
2/25/21	Transported from Lapham by car	Shalem Healing, 3338 N. MLK	6
3/5/21	Bus from Lapham Park	Health Dept-Wisc Center	16
3/5/21	Bus from Arlington Court and car	Health Dept – St Ben’s	16
3/31/21	Onsite clinic at Lapham Park	LSS/Life Changing Pharmacy	9
3/31/21	Onsite clinic at Cherry court	LSS/Life Changing Pharmacy	12
3/31/21	Onsite clinic at Riverview	LSS/Life Changing Pharmacy	12
3/31/21	Onsite clinic at Arlington Court	LSS/Life Changing Pharmacy	33
4/8/21	Onsite Clinic at Mitchell Court	LSS/Life Changing Pharmacy	TBD
4/8/21	Onsite clinic at Cherry Court	LSS/Life Changing Pharmacy	TBD
4/8/21	Onsite clinic at Highland gardens	LSS/Life Changing Pharmacy	TBD
4/8/21	Onsite clinic at Arlington Court	LSS/Life Changing Pharmacy	TBD
4/8/21	Onsite clinic at Convent Hill	Health Dept.	TBD
4/8/21	Onsite clinic at Hillside Terrace	Health Dept.	TBD
Total			208