

February 1, 2021

**Re: Covid-19 Vaccines**

Redwood Employees and Families,

In this letter, I have included updated information regarding COVID-19 vaccines. I know many of you have been struggling to find appointments. We will continue to work hard advocating for more vaccinations from the state. At this point, we have over 50% of Redwood employees vaccinated with at least their first dose. I want to thank you all for everything you have done to help keep Redwood as safe as possible.

The pandemic has drastically affected all our lives for nearly a year. **It is of critical importance that employees, families and clients get vaccinated.** This is the single most important tool available to bring the pandemic to an end and protect our medically fragile clients. Vaccines are not mandatory, but highly encouraged.

The benefits of vaccines are far reaching. Our first goal is to protect employees and clients, many who are at high risk of serious illness or death. Secondary benefits include protections for your family and friends, along with the ability to get back to a normal life. To our frontline essential workers, we care about your health and will count on you to serve as role models for others by getting vaccinated. In doing so, our clients, along with your coworkers, family and friends may be influenced to do the same. Both vaccines currently available are around 95% effective, with few minor side effects.

The below link has great information regarding the vaccine, along with several locations to sign up. Keep in mind that open appointments go quickly, so you may need to check back frequently. Currently in NKY, people that fall in 1A and 1B can sign up. These include all Redwood employees and clients 70 years or older.

<https://nkyhealth.org/individual-or-family/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19-home/covid-19-vaccination/>

Another resource is with a collaboration between the state and Kroger. Currently, they have a mass vaccination facility open in Lexington. They are vaccinating about 600 people per day, in 1A and 1B. Soon, that will open to 1C, which includes all Redwood adult clients.

<https://www.kroger.com/rx/guest/get-vaccinated>

I understand that you may have questions about the vaccine. More specifics will come soon, along with some meetings lead by our Nurse Manager Randy Stephenson. We are very lucky to have a great nursing department, we will rely on them through this process. Our goal is having you feel confident in your decision to get vaccinated and welcome any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

*Aaron Wagner*

Chief Operating Officer