

Fulfilling Our Promise



Steere House

NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER

August 19, 2021

Dear Family and Friends of Steere House,

I am sure by now you all have heard that Rhode Island has issued emergency COVID vaccination rules for all health care workers and locations, including hospitals and nursing facilities. Additionally, President Biden has announced that all health care locations will lose federal funding unless all workers are vaccinated. Steere House is doing all it can to work with our team to ensure 100% vaccination compliance by the deadline. The Steere House staff vaccinated rate remains high at 84%.

Our staff has had 2 positive employees. These individuals were fully vaccinated earlier in 2021. It is true, this Delta variant spreads easily due to a high viral load which is contagious.

All residents and all staff will be tested tomorrow, Friday: August 20th for Covid. Unvaccinated staff will be tested 2 times per week going forward. ALL unvaccinated staff must have an N95 mask in place while at work in all areas of the building.

Additionally, at this time NO resident positives are known.

Previous communication has asked that you personally consider obtaining a Covid vaccine. I sincerely hope that you do. Steere House will be grateful. We are doing all that we can to keep your loved ones safe and our workforce healthy. When you visit as a guest, you will be provided with a surgical mask or N95 mask. This equipment must be in place AT ALL TIMES in every area of Steere House. Please be aware you can and will be asked to leave the facility if you do not follow this request. Thank you.

During this challenging time in health care and for all of us, your kindness and patience with our team means the world to us. Thank YOU!

Sincerely,

Julie H. Richard,
Administrator/Executive Director