



## COVID-19 Update

December 31, 2020

*Due to the holidays, the Weekly Update will be distributed on Thursday this week.*

We're happy to report that a handful of our Covia team have received the first of their COVID-19 vaccinations this week. Santa Clara County provided an opportunity for health care staff to sign up for the vaccination, administered at the Fairgrounds in San Jose. More than 35 Webster House employees participated. Linda Hibbs, Executive Director at Webster House, received her first shot on Tuesday and reports "no side effects." She and the other staff will return for the second shot in three weeks.

Most vaccinations will take place at clinics hosted by our pharmacy partners on site in our communities. Residents and staff in our Skilled Nursing will be in the first round with others to follow soon after. Some of our communities have received the dates for their clinics, starting in January. Your community Executive Director or Housing Administrator will share the details as soon as they are available.

Thank you to everyone who has made the choice not to travel or gather with others at Christmas; we ask that you make that choice once again for New Years. Anyone who got exposed at Christmas will likely be at their most infectious around New Year's Eve, so, in everyone's best interest, please party like it's 2020 and just stay home.

If you're looking for ways to stay connected in 2021, we encourage everyone to take a look at the impressive new catalogs from Well Connected and Well Connected Español. The Winter Session starts on January 1 and includes programs such as Museums at Home, a daily Gratitude group, line dancing, Boggle, and Coping with COVID Stress, among many others. You can find the catalogs on the Covia website at <https://covia.org/services/well-connected/>.

Although we may believe that this is a year we will never forget, the chances are that our memories will fade as time passes. We would love to hear some of your memories – good and bad – from this remarkable and bewildering year while they are still vivid. Please send us your reflections at [C19info@covia.org](mailto:C19info@covia.org).

We know we have some distance to go to get out of this pandemic, but we are hopeful that in the coming year, we will be able to meet, to gather, and to celebrate, thanks to all of our hard work and perseverance this year. Here's to good things to come in 2021! Happy New Year!