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Homewood Residents and Co-workers;

Thank you for your ongoing patience and resilience as we continue to battle COVID-19. I am optimistic that the arrival of the COVID-19 vaccine is an important step in regaining some normalcy in our lives and preventing further illness and death. However, the vaccine is arriving as the virus is surging in many of our communities and may take months to have a meaningful impact. In addition, we have the holiday season upon us. We must remain diligent in our efforts to protect others and ourselves. Please continue to follow the guidelines and requirements provided by your community's leadership. If we do not, we will certainly lose more lives to this virus.

Regarding the vaccine, many of us are excited and ready to receive it while others are more hesitant. One of the more common concerns is its safety. A great deal has been communicated in the news regarding the vaccine's safety so I won't try to convince you of that. I will, however, try to convince you to receive the vaccine. Homewood's nursing home, assisted living and personal care residents along with all co-workers are among the first in the world to have access to this vaccine. I am aware of only a few adverse reactions to the vaccine as compared to the many deaths associated with the virus itself. Some of these deaths occurred in our communities and included a co-worker at our Hanover community. Out of respect for those we have lost and a commitment to those for whom we provide care, I plan to be in the line with our co-workers to get the vaccine.

In collaboration with our partnering pharmacy, we will be providing important information regarding the vaccination process at each Homewood community. At this time, according to health officials, we do not believe the vaccine will be administered to independent living residents. It will be limited to nursing home, personal care and assisted living residents along with all co-workers. We anticipate independent living residents will be given access to the vaccine in the near future. While it is not mandatory at this time, I hope every eligible co-worker and resident will receive the vaccine and do their part to save lives.

This year is unlike any Christmas I have experienced, none the less I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a much brighter new year!

In Your Service,



Thad D. Rothrock
President and CEO