

## **Buckner Retirement Services Monthly Update September 8, 2021**

Dear Buckner Residents and Families,

The Food and Drug Administration gave full approval to the Pfizer vaccine for COVID-19 last month. And while you likely already heard about this, I want to explore the significance.

The approval includes more than 360,000 pages of laboratory and real-life proof of the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine – easily the most extensive research ever conducted on any vaccine in the history of the FDA.

Regarding the approval, Peter Marks, M.D., Ph.D., director of FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, said, "We have not lost sight that the COVID-19 public health crisis continues in the U.S. and that the public is counting on safe and effective vaccines. The public and medical community can be confident that although we approved this vaccine expeditiously, it was fully in keeping with our existing high standards for vaccines in the U.S."

If you have not yet received the vaccine, I hope the FDA's thorough investigation will put your mind at ease. They have deemed the COVID-19 vaccine as safe and effective as vaccines for chickenpox, polio, measles, and the flu.

If you already are vaccinated, thank you. Please also consider becoming a vaccine advocate to your friends and family. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [website](#) currently lists 62.3% of the eligible U.S. population (12 and up) as being fully vaccinated, while 82.1% of the population 65 and older is vaccinated.

In my September update video, I discuss how our country came together for the common good during World War II. We need that same mentality now, as we put our own fears aside and do what is necessary to protect others.

To watch my September video, visit <https://youtu.be/R06LGBNE528>.

Due to increased cases in the communities, I've decided to bring back the summary tracker in this monthly update. To access the more detailed timelines regarding COVID-19 cases specific to your community, visit [Tinyurl.com/BucknerPandemic](https://tinyurl.com/BucknerPandemic).

### **Community COVID-19 Active Case Summary:**

	<b>Resident Active Positive Cases</b>	<b>Associate Active Positive Cases</b>
Baptist Retirement Community	2	0
Buckner Villas	0	0
Calder Woods	6	5
Parkway Place	0	3

Ventana	5	1
Westminster Place	11	3

Please continue to visit the BRS website ([www.BucknerRetirement.org](http://www.BucknerRetirement.org)) for our community case tracker and timelines, as well as our lists of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) –you may also call 855-754-3338 with questions at any time.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you, and God bless.

Sincerely,  
Charlie Wilson  
President  
Buckner Retirement Services