

## **Buckner Retirement Services Monthly Update November 11, 2021**

Dear Buckner Residents and Families,

Let me start off by wishing everyone a happy Veteran's Day. If you served in the military or have a family member who served, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Military service is about being a part of something bigger than any one person. Our veterans prioritized the good of the country and all the freedoms it provides us.

You know from previous updates and videos that I am in awe of the sacrifices our entire country made during World War II and the common sense of defending the greater good. One of the struggles of the pandemic is finding the balance of imposed regulations versus self-regulation. This is true from the federal level all the way down to companies, churches, and our very own Buckner senior living communities.

After President Biden's initial announcement three months ago, we finally received long-awaited guidance from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services on the new vaccine requirements for workers in health facilities. The new CMS regulations require all associates to receive their first dose by December 5, 2021, and a second dose complete by January 4, 2022.

Policies have been drafted with the help of our human resources and legal departments in anticipation of these new regulations, and we are moving forward rapidly to assure that we are in full compliance across all Buckner communities.

With the holiday season underway, I will admit that I'm hoping we do not have a repeat of last year. The U.S. was devastated by COVID-19 at this time last year, and the fact we were so close to the vaccine rollout made the spike in cases even more tragic.

I hope everyone will have the opportunity to spend time with family this Thanksgiving and Christmas, but I also hope everyone will make the choice to practice some of the small safety measures we all have grown accustomed to these past months. Mask up when you can. Practice social distancing when possible. Wash your hands often, and if you feel any symptoms, please consult your doctor right away.

We will continue to push this virus back by taking care of ourselves and taking care of each other.

Please continue to visit [BucknerRetirement.org/COVID19](https://BucknerRetirement.org/COVID19) 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. Happy Veteran's Day, happy Thanksgiving, and God bless.

Sincerely,

Charlie Wilson  
President  
Buckner Retirement Services