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Greetings Residents, Families and Associates of Elmcroft and Embark Communities,

Summer is here! And for some of you, it has arrived in full force. Despite all the heat across the country there still has been cause for celebration because many of the pandemic related emergency ordinances in various states have come to an end. Restaurants and stores are fully reopened, and life is now as close to normal as we've seen in a while.

I know in many other parts of the U.S., reopening happened much sooner than where I live in Oregon – so by now, I hope all of you have been able to enjoy time with family and friends in-person and life has settled into something a bit closer to normal.

The Rise of Delta and other Variants

Despite society re-opening, there is still reason for caution. It has become clear in the past couple weeks that we all must remain vigilant about our health and wellness regardless of vaccination status. Recent research and public health department reports share that variants of the COVID-19 virus are quickly spreading, especially among the unvaccinated, and the vast majority of hospitalizations and death due to COVID-19 now are among the unvaccinated. For those vaccinated who are infected with the virus, symptoms tend to be mild if the person experiences any symptoms at all.

While we continue to work hard to reduce the risks of COVID-19 infection in the community, vaccinating for COVID-19 remains the best solution to increasing protection for yourself and our community of residents and associates. Vaccination and other practices like mask wearing also reduce the chance we'll have to restrict visitation, dining and activities in our communities based on U.S. CDC and state health department guidelines. We genuinely want to keep visitation, amenities and services fully available to everyone, but will follow the guidance given to us from local and state public health officials and make necessary short-term adjustments to our communities as needed.

A Little Prevention Goes a Long Way

We are committed to our ongoing disease control and prevention strategies. In addition to getting vaccinated, we also ask that you take the below preventive measures while enjoying shared spaces inside the community. These include:

- Wearing a mask in shared spaces of the community; especially if you are around unvaccinated people or in our assisted living and memory care communities
- Unvaccinated people are asked to continue to physically distance from others
- Continuing to wash your hands, use hand sanitizer and follow good health practices

- Going through a brief health screening when entering the community
- Remain aware of your own health and if you don't feel good, stay away from others

We're still learning more about the COVID-19 virus, the new variants, and how long immunization lasts after receiving the vaccine. So, getting vaccinated, remaining vigilant and following the guidelines provided to us by the U.S. CDC and state departments of health are the best ways to stay healthy. We're constantly monitoring for any changes to these guidelines and will make changes as we can.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and vigilance during these extraordinary times. Please reach out to your executive director at the community if you have questions, or feel free to check out our COVID-19 Response page at www.eclipseseniorliving.com/covidresponse.

Sincerely,

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