



On May 11th 2021, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued new requirements that skilled nursing facilities are required to educate residents, resident representatives, and staff that Cedar Community is offering the COVID-19 vaccine, and the benefits and potential side effects associated with it.

In addition, skilled facilities must report COVID-19 vaccine information on residents and staff to the National Healthcare Safety Network where this new information will be viewable on the CMS COVID-19 Nursing Home Data website.

- With mandatory testing starting May 18th, HRC staff will be asked about their vaccination status and an informational packet will be provided as per below:
 - Fully vaccinated people do not need to sign the document, and no further information will be provided.
 - If vaccinated at a different location than Cedar Community, please provide that information to HR as per the regulation from CMS, and no further information will be provided.
 - If not fully vaccinated, team members will be provided an educational packet regarding COVID-19 vaccinations. Those not fully vaccinated will need to sign that they have received this information and know how to seek answers or assistance with setting up a vaccine as desired.
 - If you have vaccine questions, please contact:
 - Kelli- kderuyter@cedarcommunity.org or 262-306-2694
 - Heather – hsuarezdelreal@cedarcommunity.org or 262-306-5214
 - Kendra-kriekkoff@cedarcommunity.org or 262-306-2683

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Tracy Blaubach or Charlotte Freeman in Human Resources.