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Falcons Landing, a Life Plan Community in Potomac Falls Virginia, held their first COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic on December 30th, 2020. The vaccine was administered to residents through the partnership with CVS/Omnicare, as arranged by the federal program offered to long term care communities. The vaccine was administered to The Johnson Center & West Falls at Falcons Landing residents and all staff at Falcons Landing were included.

Falcons Landing was one of the first Life Plan Communities (CCRC) in Northern Virginia area to hold their first COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic and were able to vaccinate over 200 nursing, assisted living and staff members. Falcons Landing was notified in early January, by the Virginia Department of Health and the Governor's office that the Independent Living community can now take the vaccine.

On January 20, the residents of The Johnson Center, both in Nursing and Assisted Living, along with the residents of West Falls and our staff, received their second dose of the Pfizer vaccine. They were joined by the first group of Independent Living Residents, about 100 who received their first dose. On January 21st, the remainder of Independent Living residents received their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine. Any other staff or nursing/assisted living residents that were not able to receive a first dose in December had the opportunity to receive the vaccine. Final vaccine clinic dates for residents and staff to receive second doses will be in February.

Falcons Landing will continue to take all necessary precautions after the vaccine is administered, including wearing masks, social distancing, and regular hand washing, to ensure the safety of all. They will also continue working with public health officials to determine how and when to adjust policies for visitations and social activities and more.

Gary Handley, CEO/President says, “This is a big step forward for all of us – residents and staff alike. We look forward to brighter days ahead.”

According to research trials, The Pfizer vaccine requires two doses to offer the full benefit. The first dose helps the immune system create a response against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. The second dose further boosts the immune response to ensure long-term protection. After 7 days from receiving the second dose, Pfizer vaccine was found to be 95 percent effective in preventing COVID-19. Falcons Landing Medical Director, Dr. Ann Mecherikunnel says, “This cannot come soon enough for those of us who have been on the frontlines of this battle, since March 2020.”

Falcons Landing is a 501c3 nonprofit Life Plan Community with a mission to provide extraordinary living to enhance health and happiness of those who have served. www.falconslanding.org

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