

I'm also excited to share that we have been able to schedule a vaccine clinic for staff and residents of Penrose Harbor. We will be partnering with Walgreens to administer the first dose of the vaccine next Wednesday, January 6th.

When setting up the clinic for Penrose Harbor I asked representatives from the Department of Health about when the vaccine will be made available to Independent Living residents of senior living communities. Simply put, they have not determined that as of yet. Phase 1a states a priority for congregate living settings for seniors, but is qualified by stating "where most individuals over 65 years of age are receiving care, supervision, or assistance." That language exempts Independent Living residents from Phase 1a. Here is a link to the Phase 1a guidance:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/VaccineAllocationPhase1A.pdf>

Shortened URL: <https://tinyurl.com/y5l76pl3>

The State is currently working on developing written guidance for Phase 1b and I'm hopeful Independent Living residents of senior living communities will be clearly identified as a priority.

Thank you for continuing to keep each other safe and have a very Happy New Year!



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