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Vista Woods remains transparent with any COVID-19 status changes within the facility and community.

We have been fortunate not to have any recent cases in the facility which we contribute to resident and staff vaccinations as well as good infection control practices.

The community transmission level for COVID-19 remains high in Wapello County.

The FDA has just authorized a new COVID-19 vaccination. This new vaccination is a bi-valent vaccination that will provide an immunized response that is broadly effective against COVID-19 and components in common between the omicron variant BA.4 and BA.5.

This bivalent vaccine is expected to provide increased protection against the current circulating omicron variants.

Side effects of the bivalent vaccine are like the previous COVID-19 vaccine.

We are expecting that this new vaccine will be available to us in mid-September, and plan on having a vaccination clinic through our pharmacy in the upcoming weeks. Facility staff will be reaching out to our residents, or their families, for consent to this COVID-19 booster. Recommendations are to wait a minimum of two months from any previous COVID-19 vaccination.

We also are approaching the influenza season and will be reaching out for consent to an annual influenza vaccine.

Thank you for your continued support and please feel free to call us with any questions or concerns.