



Protecting our Community: Vaccination Success



The last year has been dominated by the Pandemic. With the roll out of vaccines, it appears that we are reaching the end of an era of quarantine, social distancing, and uncertainty. The vaccines however, have proven to be difficult to secure—even for those prioritized by the State.

We are proud to share that through several partnerships and the dedicated work of our team, we have managed to secure vaccinations for all of our

residents, their families, and staff who were interested! **As of today, about 98% of all of the residents in our Group Homes are fully vaccinated.**

This was made possible by the wonderful members of our community who reached out to us knowing that we serve vulnerable populations:

- **Riverside Urgent Care** in Ewing was the first entity to help us secure vaccinations for many of our consumers as well as our staff. They went the extra mile for us by opening their doors early in order to get us in and immunized.
- **The NJ Division of Developmental Disability** was able to partner up with **Walmart** who hosted clinics specifically for our residents!
- Our COVID team at The Arc Mercer partnered up with **Walgreens** to host three clinics for every single individual and their families who receive services through Arc Mercer. That means residents, DDD Day Program participants, DVR Participants, and individuals and their immediate family in the community who receive our supports. At the end of the third clinic, we were able to successfully vaccinate over five hundred people!
- We also have recently been able to partner with the **Ewing Department of Health** and hold three additional clinics for members of our community!

We are incredibly grateful for everyone who helped make this possible and proud of the fact that we have been able to protect so many members of our community from the Pandemic that has impacted us all so greatly.

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