Adults with Chronic Conditions: Get Vaccinated

August is National Immunization Awareness month. Each year seniors in the U.S. fall ill from diseases that could be prevented by vaccines. Getting vaccinated is a way for seniors to protect themselves from these diseases. Recommended vaccines are especially important for seniors with chronic conditions, who are more likely to develop complications from infectious diseases.

Vaccines are an important step in protecting everyone against serious diseases. When vaccinated at a younger age, the protection from some vaccines can lessen over time. In other cases, the viruses or bacteria that vaccines protect against have evolved, and resistance is not as strong. Finally, as you get older, you may be at risk for vaccine-preventable diseases because of your age, health conditions, and lifestyle.

It is recommended that seniors get the following vaccines:
- Influenza (flu) vaccine every year to protect against seasonal flu.
- Other vaccines you need as an adult are determined by factors such as age, health conditions, and lifestyle and vaccines you have had in the past. Vaccines you need may include those that protect against: shingles, human papillomavirus, pneumococcal disease, meningococcal disease, hepatitis A and hepatitis B, chickenpox (varicella), measles, mumps, and rubella.

O’Neill Healthcare offers the influenza vaccine to each resident every year in addition to pneumococcal vaccinations upon admission which are recommended for anyone over the age of 65 living in a nursing facility.

Information about the Consultant Pharmacist at O’Neill Healthcare:
Janelle Massaro, RPh, has worked in senior care for 8 years. She is a consultant pharmacist with Remedi Senior Care Pharmacy. They provide medications and consulting services for assisted living, long term care, and skilled nursing facilities. Janelle graduated from the University of Toledo with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2009. She started her career with Walgreens in Kentucky then transferred to Ohio which is where she was introduced to long term care pharmacy. Janelle was born and raised in Euclid, Ohio. She is married to her husband, Ben, and they reside in Lakewood with their two children Samina, 5, and Julius, 3. They enjoy an active lifestyle by traveling, running, and experimenting with triathlons. Janelle prides herself on maintaining personal and professional relationships with her nursing and administrative personnel at her facilities. She attends meetings with O’Neill Healthcare leadership and community medical professionals focusing on improving our pharmaceutical practices.
Lunch & Learn... Curbside
Tuesday, August 25, 2020 | A-G
Wednesday, August 26, 2020 | H-Q
Thursday, August 27, 2020 | R-Z
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Drive thru to pick up a boxed lunch
Take home information on "Immunization Awareness"

O’Neill Healthcare North Ridgeville
Main Side Entrance
38600 Center Ridge Road
Enter through the driveway on Center Ridge Road
and exit onto Foslers Run.

Please register* by August 20, 2020 with
Kristen Gillespie at 440-401-2684 or email
Dir. Marketing@oneillhc.com.

*Registration required. 1 meal per person.
Age 55 and over.

Our Resident of the Month for August is Anne Hammond who
likes to be called “Jewel”. She was
born on the east side of Cleveland and
moved to the west side when she was
7 years old. She actually
met her future husband when she
was 7 years old, he was a neighbor
who lived across the street and was
a friend of her brother, Jack. Even
when her family continued to move over the years, they
always kept in touch and one day he finally asked her out
on a date. They married when she was 22 years old, Anne
worked as a telephone operator for AT&T and left work
to raise her family. Her hobbies include sewing and
cooking. She has 4 children: Thomas, Mark, Maggy, and
Linda. She has many grandchildren and great-
grandchildren, 2 of which were twin girls born on her
80th birthday! Anne’s motto is, “Family is very important.
Always love them and stay close to them.” Thank you,
Anne, for choosing to stay with us!

Congratulations and thank you to the
following employees for their years of service

Annette Allen 11 years
Daniela Giriti 2 years
Kristen Loeffler 2 years
Angela Shobey 1 year

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We're proud to have you
on our team

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Anne Hammond - August

Administrator’s Corner
Hello friends and family of O’Neill Healthcare Fairview Park,

My name is Richard O’Neill, LNHA and I am filling in for Julia during her
maternity leave. While the typical summer months remind of us cook-outs and
baseball games, the summer months during the pandemic are different. Even
though they are different, it does not change the fact that we focus on
brightening the days of our residents! Last weekend we had Santa and his special
helper walk around the outside of the facility to spread joy amongst our residents.
We are looking to bring back the entertainers with live animals to walk around
the building, as well. Please reach out to the facility if you, or someone in the
community, is interested in brightening the day of our residents in the form of an
outside performance on the facility grounds.

With our focus turning to the outside, I would like to take this time to update you on outside visits at our facility.
Our staff was scheduled to be tested for COVID-19 by the national guard on Wednesday, July 29th, we will be
able to have outside family visits once we get the results of these tests, per Governor’s orders. Please be sure to
follow all social distancing rules and other policies during outside visits to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in
both our community and facility. We will continue to update our families regarding outside visits during our
guardian angel phone calls.

We appreciate your support and understanding as we continue to navigate through the pandemic.

Employee of the Month - Annette Allen, LPN

Annette has worked for O’Neill Healthcare for the past ten years as an LPN. Annette
grew up in Cleveland, Ohio and currently resides in North Royalton. She has two
adult daughters. When Annette is not working, she enjoys listening to music,
running, loves the sun and sitting on the beach sipping margaritas. Annette just
recently found a new love of camping, spending time with friends and enjoying the
outdoors. Others say that she is truly a team player, she picks up and helps wherever
needed, and is kind and sincere with residents and families. One person commented
that she is “admired” by her residents. Annette’s words of wisdom are, “Today’s
accomplishments were yesterday’s impossibilities.” Thank you, Annette, for making
O’Neill Healthcare Fairview Park a better place to live and work.

O’Neill Healthcare Donor Advised Fund

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Richard J. O’Neill, LNHA
Acting Administrator