

To: Willow Brook Employees
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We've heard some of our employees say they don't need to get the COVID-19 vaccine because they've already had the virus. Unfortunately, relying on natural immunity is not the best way to protect yourself, your family and others, according to medical experts.

We want to provide you with some information about why it's important to get the Vaccines, so you can sign up before our next clinics. Here are the facts:

- COVID-19 poses severe health risks, and re-infection with COVID-19 is possible, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which recommends that you get the vaccine even if you had the virus.
- The CDC, the Mayo Clinic and other medical experts say we don't know enough about "natural immunity" when it comes to COVID-19. With some viruses, after you've been infected, your body develops a natural defense against getting it again. Because COVID-19 is new, scientists don't know if that's the case or how long you would be protected.
- The immunity someone gains from having an infection varies from person to person. And research has shown that some people are not developing antibodies after having had COVID-19, so they may not be able to fight off the virus.

It's entirely your choice, but we encourage you to consider getting the vaccine if you've had COVID-19, or if you are on the fence about getting the vaccine.

You still have the opportunity to get your first shot at our upcoming clinics. Once these clinics are over, you likely won't have another opportunity at Willow Brook. You may have to wait for months elsewhere.

WHEN TO GET THE VACCINE AT WILLOW BROOK

Willow Brook Christian Home – Get your first shot on Jan. 26 and your second shot on Feb. 16

Willow Brook at Delaware Run- Get your first shot Jan. 28 and your second shot on Feb. 18

Willow Brook Christian Village- Get your first shot Feb. 4 & your second shot Feb. 25

Please see your supervisor or the Executive Director at your facility to sign up or for more information. Thank you.