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Dear Residents:

I am writing to provide some updates on the COVID-19 pandemic and to ask for your continued commitment to behaviors that keep you and other residents safe.

Beginning on Friday, May 21, many restrictions on public and commercial activity, including capacity limits, types of activities and time restrictions, will be lifted in the District. Previously, the best way to protect yourself was to wear a mask, social distance and wash your hands frequently. **Now, the best way to protect yourself is to be fully vaccinated.**

Though capacity limits are being lifted in public and commercial spaces, the **capacity restrictions in shelters and other congregate housing programs will remain in effect for the time being.** As a reminder, the following safeguards remain in place in the District and in your program:

- Masks must be continue to be worn, including in dorms/sleeping areas and other shared spaces;
- Daily symptom screening and temperature checks;
- Physical distancing of at least 6 feet at all times;
- Stringent personal sanitation and hygiene practices (e.g. frequent hand washing);
- Telling shelter staff or the on-site nurses when feeling sick; and
- Regular disinfection of surfaces and objects.

While some mask restrictions have been lifted, regardless of your vaccination status, **you must also continue to wear a mask** in the following places in the District:

- On the Metro, on buses and in taxis and ride shares;
- Healthcare settings; and
- When required to per workplace or establishment policies.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your shelter manager or to DHS by email at dhs.covid19@dc.gov.

Please stay safe and healthy!

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