

17 March 2021

Dear General Practitioner,

## **RE: Second Dose of the COVID-19 Vaccination - Calvary Flora McDonald Retirement Community**

**I am pleased to inform our GP partners that SA Health has yesterday confirmed with Calvary Flora McDonald Retirement Community that the second dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will be administered to consenting residents on Thursday, 25 March 2021.**

Our first vaccination day was a great occasion for our residents and we are pleased to be able to offer the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to strengthen resident resistance to the virus.

As before, the vaccine is entirely voluntary and is being offered as a safe, effective and cost-free way to protect ongoing health and wellbeing in the pandemic environment.

### **What residents can expect on Vaccination Day**

**Vaccination day for the second dose will be Thursday, 25 March 2021.** As before, a dedicated team of credentialed vaccinators, coordinated by SA Health, will come on site to administer the second dose of the vaccine and monitor residents for any side effects.

Vaccination day for the second dose will be familiar to residents. Just as before, the second dose will be provided in a dedicated location on site or provided to residents in their rooms as individually required.

Our staff will be on hand to check and monitor resident health before and after receiving their vaccines. If the facility has any concerns about resident health we will consult the resident's usual doctor.

We have advised residents and families to talk to their GPs about the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination and the benefits and potential side effects, specific to them.

### **More Information**

We are pleased to be able to offer the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to our residents.

For more information on the vaccine, please read [the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine fact sheet](#), and visit the [Department of Health COVID-19 website](#). For the latest Calvary COVID-19 updates, please continue to visit [www.calvarycoronavirusupdates.org.au](http://www.calvarycoronavirusupdates.org.au) on a regular basis.

For any other questions about vaccination day or to discuss the specific care needs of your patient, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,



**Ryan Midgley**

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