

17 March 2021

Dear Resident or Family Member,

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

**I am pleased to inform residents and families 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.**

As previously communicated, the Pfizer vaccine requires a second dose following the first in order to be fully effective in protecting people from the serious impact on health COVID-19 can cause.

We are pleased to be able to offer the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to residents and strongly encourage resident participation. 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 you need to know**

**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.

- **Residents are not required to complete a second consent form to receive the second dose.** The consent form you have already completed for the first dose is all that is required.
- **The second dose is designed for people who have already had the first dose of the vaccine.** Only residents who have received the first dose of the vaccine on 4 March 2021 will be offered the second dose on 25 March 2021.
- **The second dose is the final dose required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.**
- **Like the first dose, the second dose is entirely voluntary.** For the most effective protection, we strongly encourage residents to receive the second dose to be fully vaccinated.

### **What to expect on Vaccination Day**

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.

If you have any concerns about receiving the second dose of the vaccine, we encourage you to talk to your doctor about the benefits and potential side effects, specific to you.

## More Information

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.

**If residents have previously consented and no longer wish to receive the second dose of the vaccine, please contact the Facility Manager in writing immediately.**

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 loved one, please contact me at any time.

Sincerely,



**Ryan Midgley**

General Manager Calvary Retirement Communities - SA