



# IMPORTANT: COVID-19 Vaccination Day (Second Dose) at Calvary Flora McDonald Retirement Community

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**To:** All Employees, Calvary Flora McDonald Retirement Community  
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We are pleased to inform you 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. Vaccinations for all staff will come at a later time, to be advised by SA Health.

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. Vaccination is a safe, effective and cost-free way for residents to protect their ongoing health and wellbeing in the pandemic environment.

## What you need to know

**Vaccination day 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 they 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.

## If COVID-19 symptomatic after vaccination

Recipients of the vaccine may have some side effects, which are normal signs that the body is building protection. These side effects may be uncomfortable but should go away in a few days.

These can include some pain and swelling at the local site of injection, as well as symptoms that are shared with COVID-19 infection, including: fever, chills, tiredness and headache.

- Any resident who experiences fever or other known symptoms of COVID-19 following vaccine administration will need to be isolated and tested as per current protocol.

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



## More Information

Vaccinations for all staff will follow soon however we are awaiting advice from SA Health regarding when this will take place. You will be informed of the date for staff vaccinations once confirmed.

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.

Thank you for everything you are doing to ensure the safety of residents their families and your colleagues during this challenging time. For any other questions about the second vaccination day, please speak with your manager.