

10th May 2021

Dear Resident or Family Member,

RE: Update on NSW Government Seasonal Influenza (Flu) Vaccination Requirements

While the COVID-19 situation in Australia remains stable, COVID-19 infection remains a risk.

As you may already be aware, the NSW Government Chief Health Officer has mandated that any person (including all visitors) entering a residential aged care facility from 1 June 2021 to 30 September 2021 must be vaccinated against seasonal Influenza (Flu). This is mandatory by 1 June 2021.

Commencing Tuesday 1 June 2021 - Influenza Vaccine Requirements for Visitors

- **The NSW Government requires any person entering a NSW residential aged care facility to have had their seasonal Influenza vaccine by 1 June 2021.** From this time, any visitor will need to provide proof of their vaccination before they will be permitted to enter the facility.
- To arrange your Influenza vaccination, please call your GP or your local pharmacy.
- **Refusal of Influenza vaccination on medical grounds.** Consistent with the NSW Government Directive, any person who has a medical contraindication to the Influenza vaccine will be required to provide the Facility Manager with evidence before permitted entry.

What if I have received my COVID-19 vaccination?

While COVID-19 vaccination remains voluntary, the NSW Government requires any person entering a NSW residential aged care facility to have had their 2021 seasonal Influenza vaccine by 1 June 2021.

If you have had your COVID-19 vaccination or plan to have your COVID-19 vaccination, there are some things to consider for your safety and wellbeing:

- The **preferred minimum interval** between a dose of seasonal influenza vaccine and a dose of the Pfizer or AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine is 14 days.
- There is no particular requirement regarding **the order of receiving a dose** of seasonal Influenza vaccine and either the first or second dose of the Pfizer or AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to the manager of your home. For the latest Calvary COVID-19 information, including updates about visitation in our Residential Aged Care Facilities, please visit: www.calvarycoronavirusupdates.org.au

Thank you for your continued patience, and for working with us to keep our residents, their loved ones, and our staff, safe from COVID-19 infection.

We will continue to update you on any further developments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. McLoughlin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bryan McLoughlin

Regional CEO - New South Wales