

IMPORTANT: COVID-19 Vaccination Day (Second Dose) at Calvary Ryde Retirement Community

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To: All Employees, Calvary Ryde Retirement Community
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We are pleased to inform you that NSW Health has yesterday confirmed with Calvary Ryde Retirement Community that the second dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will be administered to consenting residents on Friday 14th May 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. 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 Friday 14th May 2021. As before, a dedicated team of credentialled vaccinators, coordinated by NSW 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 23rd April will be offered the second dose on Friday May 14th 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 residential aged care staff are now available for staff at Vaccine Clinic locations including GPs and GP Respiratory Clinics. A Vaccine Clinic Finder, and the process to book, are accessible at Eligibility Checker <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility?lang=e>.

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 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.