

4<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear General Practitioner,

## RE: COVID-19 Vaccination Day at Calvary Cessnock Retirement Community

I am writing to inform you that NSW Health has confirmed with Calvary Cessnock Retirement Community that the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will be administered to consenting residents on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

This is an exciting occasion for residents and their families. We are pleased to be able to offer the COVID-19 vaccination to residents and have been strongly encouraging resident participation. As you know, vaccination is a safe, effective and cost-free way for residents to protect their ongoing health and wellbeing in the pandemic environment.

### What residents can expect on Vaccination Day

**Vaccination days will be 5th, 6th and 7th May 2021.** In cooperation with NSW Health, a dedicated team of credentialed vaccinators will be coming on site to administer the vaccination and monitor for any side effects.

- Calvary staff will be on hand to assist residents on the day to receive their vaccinations.
- Vaccinations will be provided in a dedicated location on site, or provided to residents in their rooms as individually required.
- Staff will check resident health to make sure it is suitable for them to receive the vaccine.
- Residents will be closely monitored for any side effects following vaccination.
- 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 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,



**Dyanne Johnston**  
Residential Site Manager