



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

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**To:** All Employees, Calvary Cessnock Retirement Community  
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**We are pleased 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 5th, 6th and 7th May 2021.**

This is an exciting occasion for all of us, our residents and their families. We are pleased to be able to offer the COVID-19 vaccination to residents and strongly encourage resident participation. Vaccination is a safe, effective and cost-free way for residents to protect their ongoing health and wellbeing in the pandemic environment.

**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>.**

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

**Vaccination days will be 5th, 6th and 7th May.** 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.

- We will be on hand as usual to assist residents on the day to receive their vaccinations.
- Vaccinations will be provided in a dedicated location on site, set up with sufficient hand wash and wipes, or provided to residents in their rooms as individually required.
- Our clinical staff will assess residents registered for the vaccine on the day and complete page 3 of the resident's consent form with this information.
- If a resident develops an acute medical issue on the day of vaccination, a discussion with the resident's normal medical provider will be needed to determine the suitability for vaccination.
- Residents will be closely monitored for any side effects following vaccination.
- If staff have any concerns about resident health we will consult the resident's usual doctor.

## **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

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.

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 vaccination day, please speak with your manager.