

11th May 2021

Dear Resident or Family Member,

RE: COVID-19 Vaccination Day at Calvary Mt Carmel Retirement Community

I am writing to inform you that NSW Health has confirmed with Calvary Mt Carmel Retirement Community that the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will be administered to consenting residents on Tuesday 18th May 2021.

This is an exciting occasion for residents. 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 to protect ongoing health and wellbeing in the pandemic environment.

What to expect on Vaccination Day

Vaccination day will be Tuesday 18th 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.

You can also choose to talk to your doctor at any time about your health and COVID-19 vaccination - the benefits and potential side effects, specific to you.

Resident Consent Required

As communicated previously, resident consent will be required before the vaccine is administered. The vaccine will not be administered to any residents who have not consented to receive the vaccine. **If you wish to receive the vaccination and have not provided your consent, please fill in the [Department of Health COVID-19 Vaccination Consent Form](#) and return to:**

Joanne Lewis, Residential Site Manager | Joanne.Lewis@calvarycare.org.au

If residents have previously consented and no longer wish to receive the vaccine, please contact the Facility Manager in writing immediately.

For families who believe their loved one may need translation or anxiety support and would like to be present during vaccination, please contact the Facility Manager to make arrangements.

We will do all we can to facilitate your involvement on the day, but please be aware that logistics for the day will be challenging.

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 on a regular basis.

For any other questions about vaccination day or to discuss the specific care needs of your loved one, please contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Joanne Lewis

Residential Site Manager