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Dear Resident or Family Member

## RE: COVID-19 I Booster program for Calvary Retirement Community residents

The Department of Health has recently announced that all residents in aged care facilities who received a second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine at least six months ago are now eligible to receive a booster dose.

In line with this latest advice, we would like to provide residents and families with information about managing boosters across our Calvary Retirement Communities.

### What does this mean for residents and families?

- Residents who are eligible will be offered a COVID-19 booster dose through Commonwealth in-reach clinics. The booster dose will be the Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine.
- Residents who have received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine are fully vaccinated, giving you good protection against serious illness, hospitalisation or death from COVID-19.
- It is voluntary for you to decide to receive the booster however it is strongly recommended. A booster dose will boost your immune response and provide an additional layer of protection.
- We will advise you of when a COVID-19 vaccine booster clinic is scheduled.
- We will discuss your consent with residents and/or family members.
- A [consent form to record your verbal consent](#) will need to be completed for each resident receiving a booster dose and sent to the manager of your home prior to receiving the booster.
- If it is less than six months since you received a second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, we will ensure you have access to a booster dose when you become eligible. This will be organised through your GP.
- Residents who are yet to receive a first or second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine can consent to receive a vaccination at the booster clinic.
- A [fact sheet on the COVID-19 vaccine booster program](#) provides more information for residents, their families and friends.

Please do not hesitate to contact the manager of your home should you have any questions or would like to discuss the individual care needs of your loved one.

For up-to-date information for all residents and family members, please visit Calvary's COVID-19 updates site regularly at: [www.calvarycoronavirusupdates.org.au](http://www.calvarycoronavirusupdates.org.au)

Thank you for your continued understanding, cooperation and support.

Sincerely

**Martin Bowles**

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