



TO: All AgeCare Staff
FROM: Dr. Hasmukh Patel, AgeCare CEO & President
CC: Executive, Directors, and Walden Plaza Teams
DATE: December 15, 2020
SUBJECT: Arrival of COVID-19 Vaccine for Staff

The first COVID-19 vaccine doses have arrived in Alberta. As part of the rollout, some of our AgeCare continuing care facilities have been identified for the earliest vaccine doses. Alberta Health is prioritizing facilities with factors such as older infrastructure, multi-bed rooms, and other characteristics identified as a higher risk for COVID-19 outbreaks.

Starting December 15, Health Link will be calling staff who are eligible to receive immunization in this preliminary phase. You will need to travel to designated immunization sites as the vaccine cannot be transported from the site where it is stored.

The COVID-19 vaccine is not being offered to continuing care residents at this time because these early shipments of vaccine cannot be transported to other locations. Immunization of eligible residents will be forthcoming.

While getting vaccinated is voluntary, we wish to stress the importance of this vaccine. **This vaccine will protect you, your family, your community, and residents.** It is an essential step in ending this devastating pandemic.

Immunized staff are still required to adhere to existing Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) guidance, including continuous masking, social distancing and IPC recommendations for COVID-19. Vaccination does not change PPE, isolation, and quarantine requirements.

We are developing a Staff COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ document based on information provided by Alberta Health Services. This will be posted on our [staff](#) page at www.agecare.ca/coronavirus.

Please know that your courage for the work you are doing at every level has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. We are honoured and humbled to be your colleagues.

Sincerely,

Dr. Hasmukh Patel
AgeCare CEO & President