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Hello Everyone

We are updating you today regarding the COVID vaccine that will soon be available to our staff at St. Peter's Residence at Chedoke and Idlewyld Manor and current essential caregivers visiting the long-term care homes in Hamilton with administration starting shortly after Christmas. We continue to advocate for quick access to this vaccine for staff from all of our programs as well as our residents, clients and caregivers.

As you are likely aware, Health Canada has authorized the Pfizer-BioNTech mRNA vaccine and this is representing a turning point in our fight against COVID-19. This vaccine has been shown to help to protect those who are immunized from becoming sick with COVID-19. No serious side effects associated with this vaccine have been reported to date.

At this time, the vaccine is not mandated for all staff or visitors however, we do strongly encourage you to get vaccinated as we continue the fight against COVID-19. We are strongly encouraging everyone who is eligible to receive this vaccine as more vaccine becomes available in the priority groups in the province and regional areas.

We have added several links to our information about the vaccine to the resource section of our website.

Staff and designated caregivers in our long-term care homes have been contacted and we will be providing lists of their contact information to Public Health as required. We are also arranging additional education for staff and essential caregivers in the coming days.

We are very pleased to share this exciting news with you and look forward to this new chapter in our fight against COVID-19!

Stay well,

Steve Sherrer
CEO