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Good morning,

Please join me in celebrating a truly historic moment in our COVID-19 pandemic journey. As you have likely heard on media or experienced first-hand, long-term care and some congregate care staff have had the opportunity to be vaccinated for COVID-19 at the Hamilton Health Sciences clinic since December 23, 2020. During that time a number of staff and essential caregivers from St. Peter's Residence at Chedoke, Idlewyld Manor and from our AbleLiving Services Binbrook site have been vaccinated. Congratulations to those staff who have been vaccinated and for those who will be vaccinated over the course of the coming weeks!

Today, marks another key milestone in our commitment to mitigate and reduce the likelihood of spread of this challenging virus. This morning, a team of Public Health professionals arrived at Idlewyld Manor to vaccinate our residents. Idlewyld Manor is the first Hamilton long-term care home to participate in this incredible mobile vaccination event. 94% of Idlewyld residents will be vaccinated today! Just as exciting, 95% of residents at St. Peter's Residence at Chedoke, will be vaccinated tomorrow. Vaccination of our staff, essential caregivers and residents are key strategies that align with all the practices and precautionary measures that we have put in place to ensure the health and well-being of our residents, family members and staff.

As you can imagine, holding a mobile clinic requires a great deal of preparation. I would like to extend my gratitude to the teams at our sites for rising to the challenge, as usual, to ensure we are well prepared for the clinic. A special thanks to Renee, Bahar, Jenn, Lucy, their leadership teams, our Medical Directors and medical teams for setting the stage, inspiring all of us and being so focused on best practice and service excellence. A huge thank you to Hamilton Public Health for their leadership and the work they are doing to keep our community safe. Thank you for coming to Idlewyld and St. Peter's!

It is a very exciting time for all of us. Please join me in congratulating the teams and taking a moment to reflect on history in the making!

Please continue to stay well!

Steve Sherrer
CEO