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To: All Residents, Family Members, and Staff

COVID Vaccinations Coming Soon

We have all been eagerly anticipating the time when vaccines would arrive and we could begin to turn the tide against the spread of COVID-19. That time is almost here.

We have no official news or plans to share with you. Like many of you, we have been monitoring news reports and awaiting communication from the Province or Public Health. We will likely hear something soon, so we thought we would touch base with you so that we will all be prepared.

As you may know, the staff and residents of Long-Term Care and Retirement homes have priority status and are at the front of the line to receive the vaccine. The “Grey” and “Red” regions that have been hardest hit by COVID are being vaccinated first (i.e. right now), with our region to follow. We are doing what we can to prepare in advance and be ready when we get our instructions/information.

Consent: An important part of the process is to obtain vaccination consent from every possible resident and staff member. We will do this in advance of the vaccination clinics to speed the process along and help get as many of our people vaccinated as possible.

Very soon we will be distributing consent forms to all residents/Substitute Decision Makers and all staff. If you can, please give the topic some thought in advance so that the process will be as efficient as possible. We will be sharing vaccine information with you, such as benefits and risks, so that you may make an informed consent.

At this time we assume the vaccination clinics for residents will occur onsite, in the Home. The staff vaccination clinic may occur onsite (we hope), or it may occur at the local hospital. This will be out of our control. Essential Caregivers may also be eligible. We await details.

The vaccination process will likely continue into the spring and summer for the general community. Infection prevention protocols will continue in our Homes, per Provincial directives, in the meantime.

We cannot say this strongly enough: **Please consent to the vaccine and get vaccinated.** *There may be nothing more important in protecting our residents and staff from the scourge of COVID-19.* Your Administrator will be in touch with more information – and consent forms – as soon as we can.

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