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Families, Resident & Staff We continue to be well.

Vaccine Scheduling Update

Second shot is March 22. The last round went very well and we did not experience any reactions other than sore arms and 'tired'. We are prepared for the second shot to be a little more of a discomfort. Residents will be advised to use their pendants to signal if they need any assistance.

Adverse Reactions

"Oral analgesics or antipyretics (e.g., acetaminophen or ibuprofen) may be considered for the management of adverse events (e.g., pain, or fever respectively, if they occur after vaccination".

Family should drop off any analgesics prior to Monday Please.

If reactions are severe, and we feel that additional supports are required, **WE** will contact family directly. Family member will have to meet all conditions required by Shared Health to access the building. Complete PPE protocols will have to be complied with.

Visiting

We know that visiting is the big question. It is our understanding that the vaccine is in full force within 3 weeks of the last dose. It takes time for the anti-bodies to 'grow'. We also know that the vaccine does not protect from the B117 Or B1351 Variant and we know that those cases are now becoming prevalent. These variants are more deadly and infectious than Covid 19. We also see the Covid 19 infectious numbers climbing with the lessening of restrictions. We also have a fair number of staff that are still waiting for vaccines.

There has also been a change in PPE procedure with Shared Health that is designed to add more safety around Health Care Workers and Residents. This is a signal that we must be as diligent as ever in how we continue to manage the safety around our families.

Many residents have been attending essential doctor visits etc. It is important to follow our safety guidelines please. Please do not take residents home, to restaurants or shopping.

We are recommending that we continue the visiting protocols that we are currently practicing. Essential granted visits, window visits, phone, zoom etc. Its still too dangerous for outside visiting-the protection is not there yet.

Knowing the need to be with our families, the Management team is working on a plan that we will soon be able to manage outdoor safe visits. We need to get past the second vaccine. We welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

Also, just a reminder to make certain when dropping items that we can properly sanitize. Refrain from plastic bags please.

Take care, and stay safe everyone.

Thank You

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