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COVID-19 vaccine booster dose

As a valued member of the Sundale community, I wanted to provide you with information relating to the rollout of COVID-19 vaccine booster doses by the Australian Government.

ROLLOUT

McGowan Care Centre care recipients will be offered a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose on **Tuesday, 16 November 2021**.

Health Care Australia working in partnership with the Australian Government will oversee the COVID-19 vaccine booster doses at McGowan Care Centre.

ELIGIBILITY

COVID-19 vaccine booster doses are available to individuals who completed a primary course of a COVID-19 vaccination more than six months ago and follows recommendations by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and the expert Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) on [COVID-19 booster vaccinations](#).

Care recipients who have had two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine are fully vaccinated and protected against serious illness, hospitalisation or death from COVID-19.

There is little evidence worldwide that protection against serious illness from COVID-19 wanes over time for individuals who have received two doses of a vaccine.

A booster dose will boost an individual's immune response and provide an additional layer to further reduce the risk of breakthrough infection (when a fully vaccinated individual gets COVID-19 and is at risk of transmitting the virus to others).

TIMING

McGowan Care Centre care recipients will be offered a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose on **Tuesday, 16 November 2021**.

Health Care Australia will be on site for approximately six hours administering the COVID-19 vaccine booster doses.

OBTAIN AND RECORD CARE RECIPIENT CONSENT

Sundale is responsible for coordinating processes for care recipient consent. As with all other vaccines, informed consent is required before administering a COVID-19 vaccine booster.

The Australian Government's [consent form](#) has been updated to incorporate consent for COVID-19 vaccine booster doses.

AGED CARE WORKERS, RESIDENTS, FAMILIES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Information is available for care recipients, their families and representatives to help make an informed decision about COVID-19 booster doses.

Care recipients may choose to talk to a health professional about the benefits and risks of a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose. This will help to decide if vaccination is suitable.

[Factsheets](#) are also available.

CONSENT BY A GUARDIAN OR SUBSTITUTE DECISION-MAKER

Some jurisdictions have specific requirements relevant to guardians (or substitute decision-makers) consenting on behalf of another person.

If consenting to participate in the COVID-19 vaccine booster dose program on behalf of a care recipient, please refer to the enduring guardianship legislation in Queensland for more information.

Sundale will continue to work with the Australian Government regarding the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine doses.

Yours sincerely,

The COVID-19 Response Team