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## COVID-19 vaccine booster dose

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

#### **ROLLOUT**

Palmwoods Garden Village team members will be offered a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose on Thursday, 18 November 2021.

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

Team members 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**

Palmwoods Garden Village team members will be offered a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose on Thursday, 18 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 team member 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 team members to help make an informed decision about COVID-19 booster doses.

Team members 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.

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