



January 12, 2021

Hello everyone,

I'm pleased to share we have been provided with our tentative COVID-19 immunization dates for MP residents:

First dose: January 29, 2021

Second dose: February 26, 2021

We are not sure at this time which vaccine will be used. There are five steps in the vaccination process:

**First step:**

I am providing all the immunization information in this family update and will also be mailing paper copies to all POAs and will provide copies to residents who make their own decisions

Like all vaccines, there needs to be a verbal consent and a signed consent. Please do not fill out a form at home: I'm simply sharing the forms now so you are well-informed in advance of our call.

**[Read the Vaccine Factsheet](#)**

Review the adverse reaction information from Manitoba Health:

Due to the urgent public health needs relating to COVID-19, Health Canada has issued a market authorization with conditions to support early access to the COVID-19 vaccine. The approval of the vaccine is supported by evidence that it is safe and effective. However, as with other vaccines and medicines, you may experience adverse reactions or side effects.

The most common adverse reactions from the COVID-19 vaccine that have been identified so far are soreness where the vaccine was given, tiredness, headache, muscle pain, chills, joint pain and fever.

Other symptoms that may occur are swelling and redness in the arm area where the vaccine was given, nausea, enlarged lymph nodes and feeling unwell.

**ADVERSE REACTIONS ARE USUALLY MILD OR MODERATE AND GO AWAY ON THEIR OWN WITHIN A FEW DAYS OF APPEARING.**

All residents will be monitored closely by our nursing staff after receiving their immunizations.

**[Review the COVID-19 Immunization Consent Form](#)**

There is an enhanced consent for those residents who are considered immunosuppressed and/or have an autoimmune condition. A nurse will also explain this information if indicated for the resident.

If applicable, **[review the COVID-19 Immunization “Interim Enhanced” consent form](#)**

Staff are currently reviewing all residents’ charts to verify the two categories of consents.

If a resident or his/her POA decides against having the immunization, **[a Refusal of Treatment form](#)** must be filled out.

**Second step:**

Physicians/nurse PR practitioners will be writing an order for every vaccine that will be given.

**Third step:**

Decision makers will be contacted, most likely the week of January 18 to provide a verbal consent for the vaccination. We are complying a list in advance so three days before the vaccine is to be administered we have the correct number of vaccines needed.

**Fourth step:**

On January 29 a team of MP nurses will vaccinate our residents with Public Health oversight. The team will be responsible for closely monitoring the residents after the vaccine is given.

**Fifth step:**

On February 26 a second dose will be administered by the vaccination team.

We understand the roll-out plan may change frequently and we will keep you apprised of any changes as soon as possible. In future updates I will also share how the vaccine roll out may change visitations and on-unit activities.

Please follow the **[Family Updates page](#)** of our website closely for updated information.

Do reach out if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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