



COVID-19 Vaccine Update

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Dear Families and Friends of Sienna Care Communities,

We are writing to provide you with a brief update regarding the COVID-19 vaccines.

We are very pleased that many of our team members have been receiving the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine. Vaccine clinics are being coordinated with the care community and the local public health unit or hospital partner. Some are providing a specific number of spots for the residence team members; others are offering spaces on a first come, first served basis. In both situations, our team members have been eagerly participating.

As you are aware, the Moderna vaccine has also been approved by Health Canada and we will work with our Public Health and hospital partners to begin planning so we can administer it once it arrives. Fortunately, the Moderna vaccine can be stored on-site in our existing vaccine fridges and with appropriate consent, we can administer it directly to residents.

In addition to ensuring all of the procedures and documentation are in place, each care community is working to secure consent in the coming days in advance of the vaccine's arrival. They will start with the residents who are able to provide consent themselves. Then they will also reach out directly to all Power of Attorneys and Substitute Decision-Makers to secure consent for the remaining residents who require that support.

Please be aware that, similar to a flu vaccine, there are circumstances that would prevent a resident from receiving the vaccine, such as illness. We encourage you to access the following resources for further information and insight into how the vaccines and related processes work.

- [COVID-19 vaccines for Ontario](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccines in British Columbia](#)
- [Sienna Vaccine Response Centre](#)

We will share further details about the Moderna vaccine arrival and administration as soon as we receive it. Thank you again for your support and understanding.