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Dear Resident, Families/Representatives,

RE: COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout

Froniditha Care is happy to advise that our Newcastle facility is due to host the delivery of the COVID-19 vaccination for residents on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. Members of the Commonwealth workforce will be onsite to administer the first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to residents who wish to be vaccinated. The second dose will be administered on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

This is a great opportunity for our residents to further protect themselves and those around them from the deadly COVID-19 virus. It is not currently mandatory for residents to receive the vaccination, but we strongly encourage it. The facility's staff and leadership team will be receiving the COVID-19 vaccination on a different date, yet to be confirmed.

You may have concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine and Froniditha Care is aware that there has been some confusing and incorrect information circulating in different media about the vaccine. When considering whether to be vaccinated, we recommend that you access trusted information sources and make an informed decision. Trusted sources include:

- Your doctor - they will have up to date information as well as an understanding of your health status;
- The Australian Government's National Coronavirus Helpline on 1800 020 080 You can call to get further information or support around receiving the vaccine. Please note that Interpreter Services are available through the helpline. This number is open 24hours a day/7 days a week;
- Online information on the Australian Department of Health website <https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines>
- Online information on the Australian Department of Health website for those who need information in languages other than English <https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-information-in-your-language>

Attached to this communication, you will find a copy of the “Frequently Asked Questions for the COVID-19 Vaccines in Residential Aged Care” from the Australian Department of Health website.

You can also approach our Residential Care Manager, Garrison Brassington if you have any questions or need more information. If you wish to have the COVID-19 vaccine and have yet to provide your consent, please complete and sign the consent form attached or ask for a copy at reception.

Froniditha Care wants to support all residents through the vaccination process, so please let Garrison Brassington know if you have any on going concerns or questions .

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support to Froniditha Care Hippocrates and hope you and your loved ones stay well and safe.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Faye Spiteri', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Faye Spiteri
Chief Executive Officer
Froniditha Care