

October 5, 2021

## **COVID-19 3<sup>RD</sup> DOSE RESIDENT VACCINATIONS**

Dear Residents and Families:

As you will have heard, the Vaccine Task Force and Shared Health have approved third doses of COVID-19 vaccinations for Residents of Personal Care Homes.

All of our Residents who have had their second dose at least 180 days ago (that is before the end of April 2021) are eligible for this third dose of the Pfizer vaccine at this time. The dates **for Pembina Place and for Bethania will be in mid to late October when the vaccine doses are delivered.** Nursing leadership will be speaking with Residents or calling their substitute decision makers, to request their informed consent for the vaccination and to answer any questions. Substitute decision makers of residents that may be eligible at a later date will also be contacted closer to the date of immunization for informed consent.

We strongly encourage that all Residents receive this third dose as vaccine efficacy may have diminished for older persons in this time period, making them susceptible to break through infections.

For information on the vaccines and current Public Health Orders visit:

[www.manitoba.ca/covid19](http://www.manitoba.ca/covid19)

If you have any questions on the above, please email Doris Furtado, Director of Care,

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Please keep our Residents and Staff in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Gary J. Ledoux, CEO, Bethania Group