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Dear Resident family member

Our number one priority is the safety and well-being of our residents and staff. Our homes are still under NSW Health orders to exclude visitors, we wish to update you on the current COVID-19 vaccination in our homes.

With the recent media coverage regarding COVID-19 in a Sydney aged care home, we wanted to reassure you that Hall & Prior are preventative and prepared.

The Department of Health's dedicated in-reach teams have offered the Pfizer vaccine to all our residents and our teams are working closely with them to ensure as new residents enter our homes they have access to a vaccine. Medical advice previously received was to not vaccinate residents and large numbers of staff in aged care at the same time, this was to reduce the risk of staffing shortfalls in the homes due to possible mild side effects post-vaccination.

Our priority is now to deliver choice and flexibility for our staff to receive a COVID-19 vaccination as quickly as possible in the safest way. Health promotion and education is being undertaken in the homes to ensure staff are aware of the latest health updates and advice on COVID-19.

Dedicated aged care worker clinics and in-reach vaccination clinics at our homes will deliver COVID-19 vaccinations for staff in the coming weeks. Staff may also choose to access a COVID-19 vaccination through a GP Respiratory Clinic or GP Clinic as part of the phase 1b rollout.

Residential aged care workers must have received at least the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by September 2021. Reporting of the homes workforce COVID-19 vaccinations to the DoH is undertaken by the office of the CEO on a weekly basis. This information is very important to identify the potential level of risk each home faces in the context of an outbreak.

If you have any questions regarding the vaccine for your loved one, please do not hesitate to contact the Director of Nursing.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Graeme R." with a stylized flourish at the end.

GRAEME PRIOR
Chief Executive Officer