

# Alderwood

*Truly a place we call home*

January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Family and Friends,

Vaccines not only offer you protection from viruses and bacteria that cause illnesses, but they also protect everyone around you. The more people in a community who are vaccinated and protected from COVID-19, the harder it is for the virus to spread. Nova Scotia has initiated its COVID-19 immunization plan which includes 3 phases. Each phase identifies when different groups can receive the vaccine. In Phase 1, long-term care residents and staff across the province will be offered the vaccine. The vaccine is administered in 2 doses.

At this time Alderwood has not received the date that the vaccine will be made available to our residents, there are steps that you can assist with so that we will be ready to vaccinate as soon as the vaccine is made available.

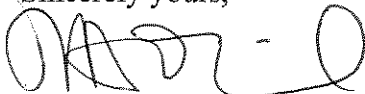
This includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Having consent forms for each resident completed, dated, and signed by the resident or Substitute Decision Maker (SDM)
- Completing the Race and Indigeneity form (optional). This is to assist the province of Nova Scotia to collect data.

Residents who require the Substitute Decision Maker to sign on their behalf will be contacted in the next few days to review the information and arrange for consent. Consent may be in person or by phone. If at any time you have any questions about the information provided, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Understandably, this has been an exceedingly difficult year in many ways but because of your support and understanding in keeping the residents and staff safety at the forefront, we continue to be able to provide the absolute best resident-centered care.

Sincerely yours,



Peggy MacNeil, CEO  
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