

Long-Term Care (LTC) & Retirement Home Advisory

Date: January 18, 2021

Subject: COVID-19 Vaccine Delay for Staff and Essential Caregivers

Update:

- Pfizer is temporarily reducing deliveries to all countries receiving vaccine manufactured at its European facility, including Canada
- There is currently limited vaccine supply in Waterloo Region and across the province and country

What this means for you

- No second doses will be missed and second doses will be provided within timeframes as recommended by Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health. (Please see attached media statement issued by Dr. David Williams Jan. 16, 2021)
- There is an ongoing commitment to provide the remaining first dose vaccinations for staff and essential caregivers in all LTCH and high-risk RH as soon as vaccine supplies permit.

Next steps

- Our scheduling team will reach out:
 - to adjust/ confirm dates of scheduled second dose vaccinations for your facility's staff
 - to verify the number of first dose vaccinations required for your facility
 - to schedule first dose vaccinations when appointments become available

**For further information, please contact the Region of Waterloo
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