



CHRISTENSON
HEALTH SERVICES

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RE: Covid-19 Vaccination

Dear Independent Living Residents,

Christenson Communities prioritizes the health of all residents living in our facilities regardless of age or care plan and we want to acknowledge your concerns regarding the current vaccination schedule for COVID-19. We understand that you have faithfully followed all previous restrictions and lock downs put in place by AHS and that several of you have equal or greater care needs than those in our Designated Supportive Living suites. We fully support our Independent Living Residents in receiving the vaccine as soon as possible. It is important to us that all of our residents enjoy as high of quality of life as possible, as soon as possible, for spiritual and mental health and other equally important reasons. However, this vaccination schedule is set by, prioritized and advised by AHS Public Health and the Ministry of Health (MOH).

As a community, we interact together by design and it is important that you all feel safe and protected. We have the capacity to organize and support site clinics in this fashion for both first and final doses and have escalated our concerns to AHS and applicable MLA Offices in hopes to see all of our residents vaccinated efficiently. Those of you who wish to express your concerns are encouraged to speak to your local MLA or The Office of the MOH.

It is our hope that our voice is heard and that our communities move forward into this new year fully protected against COVID-19. We would also like to see more clarity around the rights of our Independent Living Residents (non DSL units) in the future, too.

We seem to bear suffering the worst impacts of these policies, which do not adequately cover the mixed and diverse nature of our aging in place communities, some phases of which are no different than any other conventional multi-family housing projects in Alberta.

Sincerely,

Greg Christenson, President

Christenson Communities