



Staff Newsletter September 21, 2022

RE: New Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccine

For those that have not seen, or not read, the updated memo in the back hall regarding the date of the new bivalent COVID-19 vaccine –

Due to a change in the guideline for the expected administration timing of this vaccine we will not be doing them this week and will be backing it up a month to October.

It has never been stated, nor expected, that our staff are forced to take this vaccine early, against Public Health recommendations.

The guideline states it can be administered 3 months after the last booster or COVID infection, which will be October for most.

A number of staff became infected with COVID just a few weeks after their last booster in July. This supports the research that the original vaccines are less effective against the new variants and why the new bivalent vaccine offers much better protection for the coming winter.

As a reminder to everyone it has always been, and will remain, our policy that all staff remain 'up to date' on all Public Health recommended COVID-19 vaccinations, unless a valid exemption is provided. This is in accordance with Ministry of Long Term Care guidelines, that homes retain the ability to set mandatory vaccination policies for all employees.

If you have any questions regarding the above information please just ask.