

Vaccine Update

Manitoba continues to pursue the implementation of the COVID-19 vaccination program for residents in personal care homes, given the particular vulnerability of our resident population.

Vaccination is one of the many tools in place to prevent COVID-19 transmission that is being implemented in addition to the many other precautions we have put in place over the past year to protect your loved one.

While we understand the COVID-19 mRNA vaccine to be approximately 95 per cent effective after 7-14 days following the second dose, we do not yet know much about how long protection lasts or whether vaccinated persons can still unknowingly infect others. While evidence continues to emerge, our residents remain a high-risk population for severe illness related to COVID-19 and we must continue to be vigilant with efforts to prevent cases of COVID-19 within our facility.

This means that preventative measures will remain in place at our facility for the foreseeable future. This includes:

- staff, resident and visitor screening (including designated family caregivers and general visitors as well as anyone else seeking entry to our facility);
- 14-day isolation of newly admitted or readmitted residents;
- frequent and thorough hand hygiene;
- physical distancing;
- appropriate use of non-medical masks and/or facility-provided personal protective equipment; and
- visitor restrictions including limits to the number of permitted visitors, requirements of where visits may occur, and limitations on leaves of absence for non-essential or social purposes.

We are carefully balancing these precautions with the known benefits of socialization and recreational activities.

We remain committed to doing everything possible to protect your loved one and appreciate your understanding of these ongoing preventative measures. If you have questions, we encourage you to reach out to us at any time.

Information for reference:

[Public Health Factsheet](#) COVID-19 mRNA Vaccines
[Adverse reaction](#) information from Manitoba Health: