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Dear Dom Lipa Families, Friends, Employees and Supporters,

We hope you are enjoying a safe and peaceful New Year. Here is an update about Covid-19 vaccines for residents at Dom Lipa.

Covid-19 Update

We are pleased that there continue to be no active Covid-19 cases at Dom Lipa.

Covid-19 Vaccines for Residents

We have been told that residents at Dom Lipa could begin receiving vaccines in the next few weeks. These vaccines will be given by the staff in the home for the comfort and safety of residents.

Staff will first have a discussion with the residents or their substitute decision makers about the vaccine. (Note that an Attorney appointed by a Power of Attorney for Personal Care is one kind of substitute decision maker). Discussions will follow the format outlined in this Ministry of Health document: http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/vaccine/COVID-19_vaccine_obtaining_informed_consent_script_HCP.pdf

If a resident is mentally capable of understanding the information and can appreciate the consequences of getting the vaccine, the resident will make the decision. If a resident is not mentally capable of making this decision, then staff will speak to the substitute decision maker about the vaccine.

The vaccine consent form (version Dec 30, 2020) prepared by the Ministry of Health will be used: <https://www.ltchomes.net/LTCHPORTAL/Content/Snippets/COVID-19%20Vaccine%20Screening%20and%20Consent%20Form.pdf>

We encourage residents, substitute decision makers and family members to review these two documents and have any questions ready for staff.

In addition, here is information about what you need to know, before the Covid-19 vaccine appointment: http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/vaccine/COVID-19_what_you_need_know_before_vaccine_appointment.pdf

More Vaccine Information

Below are more resources with information about the Covid-19 vaccines currently being used in Canada.

- **List of vaccines and treatments authorized for COVID-19 by Health Canada**
<https://covid-vaccine.canada.ca/>
- **Information about the Moderna Vaccine, posted by the Government of Canada**
<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/covid19-industry/drugs-vaccines-treatments/vaccines/moderna.html>
- **Information about the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, posted by BioNTech**
<https://www.cvdvaccine.ca/>

- **How the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine works, posted by the Government of Canada**
<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/covid19-industry/drugs-vaccines-treatments/vaccines/pfizer-biontech.html#a2>
- **Ontario's vaccine distribution implementation plan, posted by The Ministry of Health**
<https://files.ontario.ca/moh-covid-19-vaccine-distribution-implementation-plan-en-2020-12-11-v3.pdf>
- **Vaccine regulatory process in Canada, posted by Public Health Ontario**
<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/vaccines/2020/12/at-a-glance-vaccine-regulatory-approval-process.pdf?la=en>
- **How vaccine safety is monitored in Canada, posted by Public Health Ontario**
<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/vaccines/2020/12/vaccine-safety-surveillance-canada.pdf?la=en>
- **Understanding COVID-19: How Vaccines Work by the Yale School of Medicine** (YouTube video, 3 ½ minutes)
<https://youtu.be/oNfkE0IKOtM>
- **19 to Zero** is a dedicated coalition of academics, public health experts, behavioural economists, and creative professionals working to understand, engage with, and ultimately shift public perceptions around COVID-19 behaviours and vaccination. The coalition will launch a series of public-facing campaigns that encourage safe behaviour and vaccination. <https://www.19tozero.ca/>

Please note that all of our email communications are on our website: www.domlipa.ca under the tab About Us - News and Special Events.

Thank you all for your ongoing support. We wish you a healthy and happy New Year 2021!

Sincerely,

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