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Dear Residents, Families and Staff of Maple View Lodge,

The Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit has shared exciting news with us identifying that the Pfizer Vaccine can now be moved from Kingston Health Sciences Centre out into the community.

The Ministry has provided the health unit with direction to immunize all willing residents, staff and approved essential caregivers with their first dose by February 15, 2021. This will include:

- All consenting Maple View Residents and Staff
- All consenting Approved Essential Caregivers. This means the two identified and approved essential caregiver visitors for each resident. Please refer to the example below where this is explained in more detail.

When available, the vaccine will be brought to Maple View Lodge and administered with support from the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit. Please refer to the new and much improved fact sheet attached with this communique.

The schedule for vaccine will be based on priority as determined using the Ministry criteria and will require two visits from the Health Unit between now and February 15th (first visit: all residents and 50% of staff, second visit: the other 50% of staff, essential visitors and any new residents). Given essential visitors will receive their vaccination at the second clinic more detailed information will follow.

Unfortunately due to the short turnaround time to complete all vaccinations across the region the public health schedule will be limited in flexibility and the clinic could occur with limited notice. Know that as soon as we are informed of the clinic dates we will advise via our regular communication channels. **Please note: Given the clinic will be run by the Health Unit, a physician's note will no longer be required.**

Given that the Pfizer vaccine will be available to us before Moderna we will need to obtain new consents. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work collaboratively to ensure we are as timely as possible with vaccine administration.

Sincerely,

Tracy Jordan
Administrator

where **lifestyle**
grows good **business**

synonyme de **qualité de vie**
et de **réussite en affaires**

Essential Caregivers

A caregiver is a type of essential visitor who is designated by the resident and/or their substitute decision-maker and is visiting to provide direct care to the resident (e.g. supporting feeding, mobility, personal hygiene, cognitive stimulation, communication, meaningful connection, relational continuity and assistance in decision-making).

Caregivers must be at least 18 years of age.

A maximum of 2 caregivers may be designated per resident. The decision to designate an individual as a caregiver is entirely the remit of the resident and/or their substitute decision-maker.

As a consenting Essential Caregiver we will require:

- Confirmation of your intent to be vaccinated
- Weekly COVID-19 swabs with proof of negative results. Anyone entering the building is required to pass surveillance screening which includes proof of negative swab results.



COVID-19 Vaccine (Pfizer and Moderna vaccines)

How do mRNA COVID-19 vaccines work?

- The vaccine tells the cells in your body to make a protein that is found specifically on the virus that causes COVID-19. These “spike proteins,” although harmless to us, will trigger our body to start making antibodies. Our new antibodies will protect us from being sick if we are exposed to the virus.
- The vaccine does not contain the virus, so it cannot give you COVID-19.
- Both vaccines have been tested in large clinical trials to ensure they meet safety standards, and both have been licensed and approved by Health Canada.
 - » Both vaccines require two doses to work:
 - Pfizer doses are given at least 21 days apart for people 16 years of age and older.
 - Moderna doses are given at least 28 days apart for people 18 years of age and older.

What are the benefits of the vaccine?

- In trials, the vaccines were proven to be about 95% effective against the COVID-19 virus.
- Two doses of the vaccine are required for better protection. After the final dose, it may take another one to two weeks to achieve maximum protection against COVID-19. There is no information on long-term protection with this vaccine yet.

Who should not get this vaccine?

- Anyone with a history of a severe allergic reaction to the vaccine ingredients, including polyethylene glycol.
- Anyone with proven immediate or anaphylactic hypersensitivity to the vaccine ingredients or its packaging.
- Anyone who had a severe reaction to a previous dose of this vaccine.

Who should delay getting this vaccine?

- Anyone who has a fever, is sick with COVID-19 symptoms, or who has received a vaccine in the past 14 days.

Consult with your health care provider if you:

- Are pregnant, want to become pregnant soon after vaccination, or breastfeeding. It is recommended to avoid trying to get pregnant for at least a month after having the final dose of the vaccine.
 - Are younger than 16 years of age (but between 12 and 15 years old)
 - Have a weakened immune system due to illness or treatment.
 - Have a bleeding disorder.
 - Have had a severe allergic reaction to another vaccine.
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What are the side effects of the vaccine?

- In general, the side effects observed during the clinical trials are similar to what you may have experienced with other vaccines.

Very common: (may affect more than 1 in 10 people)

- Pain at injection site
- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Chills
- Joint pain
- Fever
- Swelling or tenderness under the armpit (Moderna vaccine only)

Common: (may affect 1 in 100 people to 1 in 10 people)

- Redness & swelling at the injection site
- Nausea and/or vomiting (Moderna vaccine only)

Uncommon: (1 in 100 doses)

- Enlarged lymph nodes

Very rare:

- Serious allergic reactions such as anaphylaxis

If you have a reaction to the vaccine, contact your health care provider who will report the side effect directly to public health. Public health will keep track of the reported side effects to make sure the vaccine continues to be safe.

Do I still need to wear a mask and avoid close contact with others if I have received this two-dose vaccine?

Yes. Research with the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines focussed on how the vaccine prevents the symptoms of COVID-19. We don't know if it also prevents the individual from transmitting the virus to other people and there is a small chance that you may still get COVID-19 after being vaccinated. So public health precautions like wearing a mask, physical distancing, washing hands often, and staying home if you are sick are still important.

What are the ingredients of the vaccine?

Moderna Vaccine Ingredients

- mRNA (medicinal ingredient)
- 1,2-distearoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine (DSPC)
- acetic acid, cholesterol, lipid SM-102
- PEG2000DMG1,2-dimyristoyl-rac-glycerol, methoxy-polyethylene glycol
- tromethamine, tromethamine hydrochloride
- sodium acetate, sucrose & water for injection

Pfizer Vaccine Ingredients

- mRNA (medicinal ingredient)
ALC-0315 = (4-hydroxybutyl) azanediyl) bis(hexane-6,1-diyl) bis(2-hexyldecanoate)
- ALC-0159 = 2-[(polyethylene glycol)-2000]-N, N-ditetradecylacetamide
- 1,2-distearoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine (DSPC) cholesterol, dibasic sodium phosphate dihydrate
- monobasic potassium phosphate

If I have had COVID-19 and recovered, do I still need the vaccine?

Yes. There is some evidence to suggest that natural immunity from a COVID-19 illness may not last very long. It is best to get the vaccine to stay protected.



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