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Dear Families of Residents,

I hope you are keeping well.

Further to my most recent correspondence, I am writing to inform you that we have been notified by the HSE that all residents over the age of 65 years will be offered the COVID-19 vaccine any date from the 25th of January.

We will facilitate an environment for the HSE in a central location, and all individuals will be supported to receive the vaccine as appropriate. The house will inform you locally with regard to specific dates.

There is no confirmed timeline from the HSE in relation to the rollout of the vaccine for residents under 65 years of age, or for staff. However, this could change and vaccines could be offered at short notice, and so we will continue to work with the HSE in this regard. At short notice, a number of staff were given the first dose of the vaccine over this last weekend as additions to large clinics. All frontline health care workers who wish to receive the vaccine will be facilitated by the HSE.

Ongoing and local communication will continue as before. However, please do not contact our houses directly for general advice on the COVID-19 vaccine as the HSE are widely distributing information in the community in all formats, and the information is factual.

Some links include:

www.hse.ie/covid19vaccine

www.hse.ie/covid19vaccinematerials

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive