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A message for our families

### **Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccine Third Doses**

As we navigate through this Omicron-driven COVID wave, our priority remains the safety and wellbeing of our residents, staff and families. This highly contagious variant is spreading rapidly in the community and, in addition to precautions such as PPE and testing, vaccines are the most effective way to strengthen your defense against COVID.

While evidence is still evolving, we know Omicron is more transmissible than previous variants and that a third dose provides better protection against it than just two doses. Aligned with the Ministry of Long-Term Care Directive requiring that designated family caregivers provide proof of their third dose to visit their loved one, peopleCare is updating our immunization policy. Please see important dates for family caregivers below:

- Those eligible for their third dose on or before Dec 31, 2021 must show proof of it by Jan 28, 2022.
- Those eligible for their third dose on or after Jan 1, 2022 must show proof of their second dose by Feb 21, 2022, and proof of their third dose by May 23, 2022.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we implement this policy update aimed at enhancing protection for all. As always, please don't hesitate to connect with the Executive Director of your specific peopleCare Home with any questions.