

31<sup>st</sup> May, 2021

Dear Residents, Families, Staff and Visitors,

### **UPDATE ON INFLUENZA VACCINATION ADVICE FOR STAFF AND VISITORS**

We are very pleased to be able to inform you that the final date for COVID Vaccinations at North Sydney for Elamang House residents is this Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021. This will see more than 90% of resident immunization rates being achieved with both North Sydney and Woolwich villages completing their second round of Pfizer Vaccinations.

We are now working diligently to provide the Flu Vaccination for all Residential Aged Care residents and Independent Living residents within the next 2-4 weeks (See details below).

It is now time to do our part to support our residents as we are obligated to do and focus on the 'seasonal flu' vaccination rates for our staff and visitors.

We have been advised by **NSW Health** that ***"From 1 June to 30 September 2021, all visitors and staff entering a residential aged care facility should be required to provide evidence that they received a dose of the 2021 influenza vaccine."***

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/racf-latest-advice.aspx>

**ALL VISITORS:** All visitors are urged to get vaccinated now as per public health advice. Visitation conditions will apply from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 with exceptions considered as above. For further information please contact Lyn Quilty or myself.

**ALL EMPLOYEES:** All James Milson Village employees are required to have the 2021 seasonal flu vaccine unless an exemption applies. If staff are unable to comply with this requirement, they should provide a medical certificate from a registered doctor to their manager explaining why they are vulnerable from harm to the 2021 flu vaccine. See full exception details here:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/racfs-visits-outings.aspx#exception>

We are currently working on external options for staff to obtain the Flu Vaccine and will forward this information later today under separate email.

## UPCOMING VACCINATION DATES

Date	Location	Vaccination
4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	North Sydney	COVID-19 Vaccination (Second Round) Elamang House – High Care
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	North Sydney	Flu Vaccination ILU Residents Only
15 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	North Sydney	Flu Vaccination Residential Care Residents Only
15 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Woolwich	Flu Vaccination ALL Residents ILU & RAC

We currently working on options for Independent Living residents COVID-19 Vaccinations and will forward details separately once determined.

We have received instruction today that there is no longer a requirement to wait fourteen (14) days between COVID and Flu Vaccinations.

Consent forms to be Completed and Returned to JMV no later than Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

ILU Residents North Sydney - Dr's On Call 2021 Flu Vaccination Consent Form  
RAC Residents North Sydney - JMV Flu Consent Form  
RAC Residents Woolwich - JMV Flu Consent Form  
ILU Residents Woolwich - JMV Flu Consent Form

Again, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lyn Quilty or myself.

We thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



**Ben Van Lierop**  
Chief Executive Officer  
James Milson Village