

12 July 2021

Dear Residents and Families,

As part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining regular and transparent communication with you on all matters, I feel it's important to provide an update following the Commonwealth's decision to mandate COVID-19 vaccinations for all residential aged care staff.

From mid-September it will be a requirement for all aged care employees, including those at Garden Village, to have had at least the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Garden Village fully supports the announcement, as protecting those in our care and the people caring for them, is our highest priority. For some months now, we have been actively encouraging our employees to have the vaccine as soon as they're eligible, including incentivising this important health measure.

Pleasingly, ninety six percent (96%) of our residents are now fully vaccinated (first and second doses) providing good levels of protection from COVID-19. The remaining residents have either not provided consent or have a medical reason that prevents them from being vaccinated.

We have seen the benefits this level of protection provides against the COVID -19 virus in recent aged care outbreaks.

Currently, 25 percent of Garden Village staff have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, and we expect this figure to rise in line with increased access to the Pfizer vaccine in coming weeks.

I will continue to provide further information on the mandated residential aged care vaccination program as it develops.

I want to reassure everybody that the health, safety and wellbeing of all residents and staff is our highest priority, as we work through this pandemic.

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Please reach out to myself or Taryn Robinson, Executive Manager of Clinical Care Services if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Wearne', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Craig Wearne
Chief Executive Officer