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Dear Sundale Staff,

COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) – Fluvax update

Further to my email dated 18 March 2020, as a valued member of the Sundale team, I would like to update you on the importance of being vaccinated against the flu.

Earlier this month (19 March 2020), the Australian Government [announced](#) that all staff working in Aged Care Facilities **must** be vaccinated against the flu by 1 May 2020.

In addition, it is a Direction of the Chief Health Officer of Queensland that people wishing to work at a residential aged care facility **must** have an up to date vaccination against influenza, if such a vaccination is available.

This decision prioritises the health and wellbeing of our care recipients and Sundale's team members and limits the effects of the flu on our ability to provide quality care in these testing times.

There are currently **three approaches** you can adopt to be vaccinated against the flu.

1. Sundale continues to partner with specific **Priceline** and **Infinity** pharmacies who can supply you with a flu shot, at no cost to you.

- The vaccines will be available for Sundale Staff only at **Nambour Priceline** (07 5313 7806) and **Infinity at Bli Bli** (07 5448 5855);
- The online booking process is no longer available. You may need to ring and confirm there is stock at the pharmacy before attending. There may be some waiting time associated;
- Staff will need to ask for the 'Sundale vaccine stock' which has been specifically sourced and reserved for our use;
- To help streamline the vaccination process, please take the pre-completed vaccination checklist (attached) with you to the pharmacy;
- A letter confirming your employment from Sundale will shortly be provided by your Manager. Please take this letter with you to the pharmacy, where it will be signed by the vaccinator;
- Please return all completed and signed documentation to your Manager;
- If there are issues with maintaining supply at these locations, we will endeavor to update you ASAP. Please be patient with the staff, they are under enormous pressure at the moment.

Please note, there is an alternative arrangement for staff at Bindaree. I ask Bindaree staff to please contact your Site Manager for information regarding how we are supporting Bindaree staff with obtaining your vaccination.

2. You can access the flu vaccine through your General Practice (Practice Nurse or GP as applicable). Sundale will reimburse your reasonable expenses if you can access the vaccine through your General Practice. To be reimbursed, please contact your local site administration. Please note, if you receive your vaccine through your General Practice, please ensure that you email evidence of your vaccination such as;

- A photo of your updated immunization record and receipt from GP;
- Your letter confirming your employment from Sundale signed by the GP.

to payroll@sundale.org.au. Please also provide your evidence to your Site Manager.

3. Site based clinics – From 14 April, our partner pharmacies will transfer remaining Sundale stock to us, and we will create a roving Immunisation Clinic for staff. The clinic will be open for a minimum of one day at each of Sundale’s Sunshine Coast sites. The clinic will be located outside, allowing staff who are not rostered on and screened, access to a free flu-shot. Social distancing requirements will be enforced at the Immunisation Clinic. Further communication regarding this option will be provided closer to the date.

If possible, I encourage you to organise a flu shot via **Nambour Priceline, Infinity at Bli Bli** or through your General Practice. This approach will give Sundale the best chance of meeting the expected demand at our roving Immunisation Clinics.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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