

STAYING INFORMED COVID-19 PANDEMIC



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BULLETIN FOR FAMILIES - CHSLDs-TRs-RPAs

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Additional dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and flu vaccination for residents

As you have no doubt heard in the media, an additional dose of the COVID-19 mRNA vaccine (such as Pfizer and Moderna) has been recommended for residents at CHSLDs, TRs and RPAs. Recent studies have shown that our residents are at greater risk of complications and that they may be less protected with two doses. An additional dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine gives them better protection against COVID-19 in the context of the wide circulation of the Delta variant.

We recently met with CISSS directors regarding this recommendation. It was agreed that mobile clinics will visit all of our centres between October 15 and November 30. Our on-site teams will be present during these clinics.

For the residents in our centres, the recommended interval between the 2nd and 3rd doses is six months for residents who have not or will not have agreed to have the flu vaccination.

A minimum timeframe of five months is recommended for residents to be vaccinated against the flu and COVID-19 at the same time, as part of the seasonal flu vaccination campaign.

We will proceed as we did for the previous doses, which means that residents or their representative will have to fill out another consent form in order to receive the 3rd dose.

The administration of this 3rd dose and/or the flu vaccine does not in any way affect the importance of continuing to carefully maintain the health measures adopted in our centres for our residents, since they may be less protected than the rest of the population.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.