

Information Bulletin #13 - Feb. 24, 2021

About Coronavirus (COVID-19)



For friends and family of GEF Seniors Housing apartment tenants

Everyone is asking **when and how tenants will be able to get the COVID-19 vaccine.**

Alberta Health Services (AHS) has advised us they will be providing immunizations for seniors at GEF lodge sites this week as they continue with Phase 1 of their vaccine rollout.

We want to reiterate the Alberta government's announcement from last Friday that they are now expanding who is eligible to provide a COVID-19 vaccine under Phase 2 of their strategy.

Starting on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 all Alberta seniors 75 or older – that's anyone born in 1946 or earlier – can book their COVID-19 immunization, either by calling **Health Link at 811** or using the **online booking tool on the AHS website** at <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/>.

AHS has not yet communicated whether they will hold any additional vaccine clinics at apartments. Seniors who want to get the vaccine right now need to book their appointments through AHS.

The vaccines are being offered in two doses, and recipients will need both doses to be fully immunized. Visit the AHS website to learn more about how the vaccines work.

The Alberta government has not yet announced dates for seniors between the ages of 65 and 74 to be vaccinated, but seniors can now sign up to be notified when it is their turn. You can find out more information by visiting the Alberta government website at <https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx>.

As we all have heard, COVID-19 can have serious repercussions, and there is no way to know how it will affect each individual.

We are encouraging everyone – especially seniors – to get the COVID-19 vaccine when it is their turn. Wearing masks and physical distancing are two of the best ways to reduce your chances of being exposed to the virus or spreading it to others. Please also continue to wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds at a time, or use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.

If you have any questions about the vaccine, please contact AHS directly.

