

## BREAKING NEWS

### The Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine is almost here!

It's with great excitement that I announce the COVID-19 Pfizer Vaccine has finally reached our shores.....

We are now awaiting the "official call" to advise us the day that Ananda Aged Care Hope Valley and Findon will participate in the vaccine roll out.

All residents and staff working in Residential Aged Care are eligible to participate in Stage 1 of the vaccine rollout.

The COVID-19 vaccine is not mandatory at this time, and we can appreciate that this is a personal decision.

We are attaching the Australian Government Consent Form for COVID-19 Vaccination as it contains information about the vaccine and an official consent form.

If you wish to have the COVID-19 vaccine we request that you and/or you representative read the attached consent form information and sign the consent form as soon as possible so we are ready when we get the official call to roll out the vaccine.

The vaccine consists of x2 injections on two different days - generally 2 weeks apart. This will be communicated by the health professional who is administering the first vaccine and they will advise the date of the second vaccine.

Copies of the Consent Form and information have also been left at our Front Receptions.

<https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2021/02/covid-19-vaccination-consent-form-for-covid-19-vaccination.pdf>

We will communicate once we know the exact date but are anticipating commencement within the next two weeks.

## ANANDA STARS

Over the past month we have received some amazing feedback and recognition of our staff

from residents and families.

Ananda will be hosting its Annual Staff Recognition event shortly as it was delayed in 2020 due to COVID-19.

Today I would like to acknowledge the following staff that I have received highly commendable feedback about:

*Findon: "A huge thanks to Taffy for all his assistance with mum and our email requests etc. He is always willing to assist and we really appreciate his tenacity and guidance. This has been very helpful especially whilst Daniel has been on leave..... Having said this, we must commend Cecilia also as she is fantastic with mum and always wonderful with us. Always understanding and always following things up for us and we know we get a straight & honest answer from her, good or bad. She is very approachable and very helpful. Elise is great also. She always has a smile on her face, talks a little Italian to mum which is fantastic and makes mum laugh too. Special mention & thanks also to Huong, Tee, Fune, Teena, Thelma, Rose and Mahafreen. They always say hello and make the time to chat."*

*Hope Valley: "Can I ask that you officially thank Adam and Jin for their care and treatment of dad tonight as they not only did a good job but showed compassion and concern for his welfare. They are both a credit to Ananda."*

Thank you all for your ongoing support of Ananda and its amazing staff, it is greatly appreciated.



EN Ravinder Kaur receiving a \$50 voucher from RN Cecilia and EN Milena for being the winner of a prize following a survey and quiz on infection prevention and control

### **Visiting Times..... Some more good news**

From Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 we no longer require you to phone ahead and make a booking to visit family and friends at Ananda, you are welcome to come and visit between 1-5pm daily.

We will still go through the Entry to Site Checklists including a temperature check but you are all welcome to visit.

Be continue to practice social distancing, ensure you wash your hands (soap with water or hand sanitiser) and if you are unwell with cold/flu like symptoms please stay home and arrange to get a COVID-19 test.



Please note in the event to visitation we will advise ASAP as we follow Emergency Management Directions for RACF and Cross Border Travel.

2021 .... It's looking up

Thank you all for you continued support, feedback and encouragement.

Kind Regards

**Ananda Management**