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Dear Family Member,

Region of Durham Long-Term Care COVID-19 Vaccine Update

We have been advised that Lakeridge Health will be impacted by the national delay in vaccine supply from Pfizer-BioNTech. Lakeridge Health does not expect a new vaccine shipment next week and is awaiting information from provincial authorities about shipments for the first two weeks in February.

In the interim we have received instructions to **pause on delivering first doses** of the vaccine to all populations **except for** LTC and high-risk retirement home residents.

What this means for Our Long-Term Care Homes

- First doses to staff and essential caregivers are paused until Lakeridge receives word from the province that they can resume.
- At this point, Lakeridge has supply to continue to administer second doses for those who have already received first doses.
- Unless staff and caregivers hear from the Oshawa Vaccine Clinic, their second dose appointment will remain the same as was previously scheduled.
- For residents, essential caregivers and staff who received their first dose at the LTCH and are wondering about a second dose appointment: Lakeridge has advised that these clinics will be postponed temporarily.

We will continue to provide updates on vaccine dose administration and supply as information becomes available.

Registered Essential Caregivers, if you still have not registered to get the first dose of the vaccine, I encourage you to do so at <https://tinyurl.com/DurhamLTCVaccine>. We will provide your name and contact information to Lakeridge and once they are open for appointments again, you will be contacted with an appointment time.

Thank you again for your support and cooperation.

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