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A message for our families

The government recently [announced](#), based on the recommendation of Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, that the province is offering COVID-19 vaccine boosters to additional high-risk groups. These groups include staff and designated essential caregivers in long-term care (LTC) and retirement homes, providing an extra layer of protection against the Delta variant.

Vaccinated individuals continue to show significantly lower odds of infection compared to those who are unvaccinated and, when infections occur, symptoms tend to be milder in vaccinated cases. However, emerging evidence suggests that vaccine effectiveness against asymptomatic and mild infection may decrease with time, and that there is an increased risk of transmission of infection from the Delta variant.

Based on this evidence, our residents' designated family caregivers are now eligible to receive a booster shot at least six months from the date of their second dose. We are working closely with our local public health units and will share more information on how designated family caregivers can get their shot.

As we take this next step in our fight against COVID-19, we would like to thank our residents' families for your ongoing support. Please don't hesitate to connect with the Executive Director of your specific peopleCare Home with any questions.