



## Message from Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall

### *COVID-19 Immunization Update*

#### **Dear staff and physicians,**

In order for AHS to respond to the recently announced reductions in Pfizer vaccine in the upcoming weeks, adjustments are being made to the COVID-19 vaccine implementation plan.

Effective January 20, all first dose appointments for staff and physicians are postponed. Some second dose appointments for staff and physicians will also need to be rescheduled.

Anyone whose appointment is being postponed or rescheduled will be contacted directly by AHS via email, and then a text or automated call. An email will also be sent when you are able to rebook appointments. Please do not call Health Link.

Vaccine has been reserved to ensure that we are able to provide second doses to all long term care and designated supportive living residents. We will also be using available vaccine to provide second doses to staff and physicians within the allowable window.

We understand that many of you have questions about timing of immunization. We are working diligently to vaccinate as many people as possible as quickly as possible, with available product. We will continue to communicate openly and transparently. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through details.

Sincerely,

#### **Dr. Verna Yiu**

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