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Dear Arcare Community,

If the last month has taught us anything, it is that COVID-19 can resurface at any moment and that we cannot be complacent. The latest outbreaks across Australia serve as a strong reminder that we need to take every possible step to protect our communities.

The COVID-19 vaccine is our best line of defence. While it does not stop you from getting the virus, the vaccines are proven to reduce the risk of serious illness from COVID-19.

As you may be aware, National Cabinet has advised that it will require COVID-19 Vaccinations for residential aged care workers as a condition of working in an aged care facility. The aim is to have all residential aged care workers receive at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccination by mid-September 2021.

Therefore, Arcare is implementing 2 hours paid leave for our team members to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.

In addition, we are working on partnerships with external providers to help our clients and team members receive the COVID-19 vaccine on site where possible. In Victoria, we have secured a partnership with TLC who are visiting our residences regularly to administer both first and second doses of the vaccine to team members, and to any remaining clients who may have changed their minds. It is our hope to have similar partnerships set up in NSW and QLD.

We have all seen just how quickly, and silently this virus spreads and no Residence, no matter how remote and despite our best efforts, is immune. Therefore, we are strongly encouraging our community to get vaccinated.

Yours sincerely,



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