

17 May 2021

**COVID COMMUNICATION NO. 03 of 2021**

Dear Residents,

**Vaccinations are happening at Randjes!**

The Department of Health have made the following dates available when they will be coming to Randjes to vaccinate our Residents:

**When: Monday 24 May to Friday 28 May 2021**

**Where: RJM Hall**

**Pls bring: Your ID document/card**

If you haven't registered as yet, please do so urgently. If you need assistance with registration please contact Margie Dolgoy at the RJM Hall. ***You must be registered to be vaccinated.***

Our Team is hard at work getting confirmation from the Department of Health about how to set up the RJM Hall ready as our vaccination site. We will share further details with you later this week about how the vaccination week will work.

Matron Jayne, Sister Janine, Sister Joy and Sister Agnes will be assisting the DoH team to vaccinate our Residents.

Please understand that the DoH could change these dates at very short notice – if they do we will advise you immediately and confirm the new dates the DoH assigns to us.

Given that the rollout of vaccines is one of the largest operations our country has ever implemented, I appeal to you to be tolerant of any initial teething issues and supportive as the rollout takes place.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Wave or Not?**

The news out there about a 3<sup>rd</sup> wave is confusing to say the least! What is clear is that we all need to remain on heightened vigilance as a country. **COVID IS STILL VERY MUCH HERE!**

Randjes has had 3 positive Covid cases out on the Estate in recent weeks which is evidence of the fact that the freedom of movement enjoyed by the independent Residents comes with its challenges. One of these challenges is that some Residents do not tell us that they are going away.

For the safety of everyone the Estate Office should be notified of your travel plans/movements. This is in line with the guidelines from Government to enable us to do contact tracing.

We appeal to all of you to take personal responsibility for your own safety as well as the safety of your fellow Residents and our staff. Don't be afraid to call out anyone who returns to Randjes and is not following the isolation rule. Call the Estate Office and alert us and we will deal with the situation.

To those Residents who have been honest and shared their travel plans/dates with us – we appreciate this sincerely.

We ask that you please trust that the management and nursing teams are doing everything they can to keep everyone safe and to provide support and care to those who have been exposed to or contracted Covid. Listening to broken telephone/grapevine rumours and then making false allegations about staff/management as to how a Covid situation is being handled is not useful and it will not be tolerated. We have to be in this together folks!

Let's be optimistic that the vaccination process goes according to plan and as smoothly as possible.

Warm regards

*Gail Kruger*