

For Better Retirement Living



October 6, 2021

Dear Augustine House Community,

We are heading into the Fall season and with that comes influenza season. Augustine House will be holding our annual influenza immunization clinic for Residents on October 21st. Influenza is a contagious respiratory disease that can lead to serious illness, hospitalization and death. Vaccination is especially important for people who are at high risk of serious illness from influenza (such as young children, pregnant women, the elderly, and people with certain medical conditions) and those able to transmit or spread influenza to those at high risk, including family, friends, and staff. We encourage all family and friends to make an appointment with their doctor or pharmacist to receive the flu vaccine this year.

We have been informed that Residents at Augustine House will be eligible to receive a Covid booster shot. Currently we are being told this will be a dose of the Moderna vaccine. The reasoning for this decision is that, due to the greater amount of mRNA, it is considered to be more protective for older adults. We are waiting for confirmation from Fraser Health regarding the date the Augustine House clinic will be held. We will also be seeking written consent from residents prior to providing the 3rd dose.

Finally, as many of you will have heard, Dr. Henry has announced that proof of **full vaccination** will be required to visit at communities such as Augustine House, effective October 12, 2021. This is one more step to ensuring we are doing all we can to keep Residents and our community safe and healthy through the fall and winter.

Augustine House wishes each of you a blessed Thanksgiving. Stay healthy and well.

Yours,

Jackie Reiners
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Augustine House