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From/Expéditeur	Anthony Di Monte, General Manager of Emergency and Protective Services and Dr. Vera Etches, Medical Officer of Health	
Subject/Objet	COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Update	Date: February 23, 2021

The purpose of this memo is to advise Members of Council that Ottawa is expected to complete first dose offers of COVID-19 vaccines to eligible residents at all retirement homes in the city by the end of today.

This milestone has been reached through the efforts of Mobile Vaccination Teams, comprised of staff from the Ottawa Paramedic Service, Ottawa Public Health, The Ottawa Hospital, the Queensway-Carleton Hospital, Ottawa Inner City Health, community physicians and the retirement facilities. This was truly an inspiring team effort.

In all, residents of 82 retirement homes have received first dose offers of vaccines in Ottawa. The vaccinations began with the high-risk homes, which are homes with a memory care unit, homes that are co-located with a long-term care facility, or homes that were identified as vulnerable due to other available information. Vaccination of the 37 higher-risk retirement homes began on February 7th and followed the provincial ethical framework for COVID-19 vaccination.

Completion of first dose offers of vaccines to eligible residents at all of Ottawa's retirement homes is an important milestone. However, it will be several months until COVID-19 vaccines are available to the general public. In the meantime, it is essential that we continue to practise public health measures to help reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in our community.

Respectfully,

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